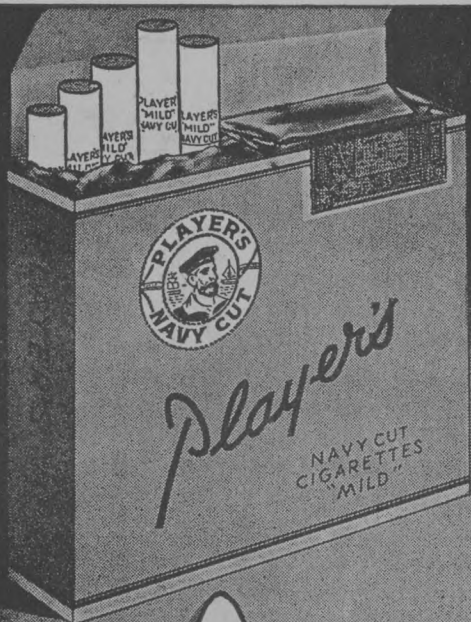


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EDITORIAL

We are pleased to publish the following editorial by Brigadier R. S. Malone, O.B.E., E.D., Managing Editor of the Winnipeg Free Press. At one time Brigadier Malone was Brigade-Major of the Second Infantry Brigade which was the formation in which the Loyal Edmonton Regiment fought in World War II. It offers some timely advice on the manner of our international thinking in these days of stress.

DON'T DISCOUNT TRADITION

The privilege of contributing to the "Forty-Niner" holds a great temptation for a former member of 2CIB . . . a temptation to yarn over that time at Brighton or Eastbourne (who shot down the FW-190) or at Inveraray, Leonforte, Campobasso, Ortona, et al. A traditional claim, however, is that veterans are prone to think too much in terms of past wars rather than study the present.

By the time "Forty-Niner" goes to press, the outlook in Korea may be improved . . . let us hope so. At this writing, however, it raises shades of a Christmas six years ago when Von Rundsted sent our forces hurtling back from the Ardennes. Certainly, it is a gloomy prospect for 1951 and perhaps fitting to consider briefly the purpose and constructive value of such groups as your Regimental Association.

True our Regimental Associations perpetuate comradeships that were welded under the severest tests and their existence is more than justified on the grounds of goodwill and good fellowship. Let us consider though the more active values possible in our associations.

Few soldiers had a greater concept of Regimental tradition than the late Lord Wavell, gained through years of campaigning in all parts of the world. Speaking in 1949 at the London School of Economics, he had this to say: "There is a tendency in some quarters nowadays to discount the value of Regimental tradition. It will be disastrous for the British Army if it ever succeeds. Any soldier of experience can tell you of how pride in his regiment, engendered by knowledge of its history and traditions, can carry a man through difficulties and dangers that he would have hesitated to face without its inspiration."

This is by no means a new thought. An historian of ancient Greece put it this way: "Of all the forces which are of influence in war, the spirit of the warrior is the most decisive."

The spirit of the Edmontons during the last war is too widely recognized to really require any elaboration here. But oddly enough, one passing incident in Sicily, of little consequence, seems to typify the Edmonton spirit particularly in my mind. Shortly after the landings at Pachino (yes, the temptation to reminisce), units of the 2nd Bde. were some 20 miles inland when an order was received for a detachment to return to the beaches and clear out a coast defence battery on our left boundary. Chris Vokes called for a platoon from the Edmontons. After I had briefed the platoon

comd. on his task, he set off to pick up his men and begin the long, dusty march back to the coast. I noticed that he was limping slightly and suspicious, I called him back and told him to take off his boots. His socks were sodden with blood. The salt water during the wade ashore followed by the heavy day's march had lifted the skin from the entire sole of his foot. He had accepted the order, however, with no word of complaint and protested violently when I suggested calling Col. Jefferson for a replacement. That we were finally able to lift his platoon on a couple of tanks back to the coast is incidental—the typical Edmonton spirit, is the fact that remains in memory.

That a unit can only be good when it has good officers and NCO's is well established. It is perhaps not out of place to suggest that if the spirit and tradition of the Edmonton's is to be maintained, there must be a continuing intake and training of junior officers and NCO's of the proper calibre. Surely this can be, in part, a responsibility of the Association.

One also hears these days the old prediction that infantry has had its day. The air force, rockets and atom bombs are making it obsolete. How often have we heard that the enemy defences would be so flattened by preparatory bombardment that we could simply walk over their positions. Even at the Somme and Passchendaele, this legend was current. The artillery were to do the whole job then single-handed—as was the air force during 1939-45—and even more recently in Korea. Yes, in the past we heard Air Marshal Harris predict that with 1000 bombers a night over Germany the war would end in six months. Or in Douhet's "Command of the Air"—how that air power would force nations to capitulate even before armies and navies could be mobilized. More recently Seversky in "Air Power—Key to Survival" tries to perpetuate the myth of complete victories by air alone.

No, unfortunately, the days of the Infantry or of the Loyal Edmontons are not numbered. We will not secure peace in our time by air alone nor by unsupported debates at United Nations.

Infantry tactics, weapons and organization may change. They may be transported by means not yet visualized and be supported by vastly different weapons of science but there is still a task ahead for the Edmontons, even should it be found in preparedness alone.

Should diplomacy prevail in our present Korean problem—should even a temporary respite be gained from the threat of World War III—we cannot now afford to delay our preparations.

A state of readiness will be the major factor in preventing a general conflict. In the prospect that we may yet again be lulled by phoney peace appeals and the false resolutions of peace councils—I will close with a quotation from an ancient philosopher in 1650:

"My son, do not fear to be strong because men have ta'en oath to be mild, For the arm that can fell the great bull can uphold the faint form of a child. If they say, 'Oh my brother, be still, lo! the world shall let blood nevermore', do thou answer, 'So be it' and place fifty thousand more pikes in store!"

—DICK MALONE.

Brig. E. B. Wilson, O.B.E., E.D.,
Edmonton, Alberta.
Dear Ernie—

Last October, Bill Stillman asked me about doing a piece for the magazine of your Regimental Association to which I agreed.

He asked me to forward the piece direct to you by December 1st. Although I am a few days behind schedule, I hope the enclosed will meet your needs . . . if not, chop it down or if not suitable, chuck in the waste basket.

It has been a tremendous long time since we have met but do hope all is going well with you. Thinking of the Edmontonians brings back memories of many damn good friends. Only wish I had a chance to see a few of them more often.

Please give my regards to any who might remember me and best of luck at the next reunion of your Association.

Regards,

—DICK.

REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Loyals Colours Rested

In the Editorial of June, 1950, in "The Lancashire Lad" was the following: "While composition and location of our Territorial Units have suddenly changed, nothing but slow and steady progress has marked the preparation and building of the Regimental Memorial Chapel. Here, longsighted and careful planning under the personal supervision of the Colonel of the Regiment himself is bearing fruit on all sides; in all respects the Chapel promises to be a most worthy memorial.

Not only is it a building of grace and dignity, but the other objects in it are also full of beauty. The cross and candle sticks, presented by the relatives of officers, mark the height of the silversmith's skill, while the Book of Honour, bound and adorned with the love and care of the true artist by Mr. W. Bland, and with an illuminated title page by Mr. B. T. A. Griffiths, of Newport, is indeed worthy of its high purpose, as is the beautiful lectern on which it rests.

So fully was the importance of the dedication ceremony on June 3 realised that by as early as May 3 the demand for seats in the church had far exceeded the supply. It was therefore necessary regretfully to restrict the number of seats made available to each relative in order that all should have a chance of being present.

Glory has now been added to the Chapel with the presence of the old Colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment, hanging not from the roof but in the clear northern light from the window where they can be clearly seen by all. These, with the woodwork, the silver, the book and the beautiful blue curtain behind the altar bring brilliant colours to the traditional shadows of the parish church.

Leads Air Team

Famous Edmonton fighter ace and son of C. F. Laubman, 11649 90 street, Flt. Lt. Don Laubman, DFC and Bar, lead a team of five Vampires putting on thrilling aerobic shows at Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto. The team took part at USAF association convention at Boston last summer. Laubman has 15 enemy planes to his credit. His Dad was in the 49th, and in the last war RSM of the 2nd Reserve Bn. December 21st it was announced Don had been appointed to command Canada's third regular fighter squadron.

Forty-Niner Rejoins Army

Raoul Esmonde, 5405 107 street, clerk at the court house, is returning to service with the Canadian army with the rank of major. Mr. Esmonde expects to go to Calgary as an instructor. He has served 11½ years in the active forces in two wars and 25 years in reserve units.

In 1915, at the age of 15, Mr. Esmonde joined the 49th. He served with it overseas, originally as a bandsman, until 1917 when he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He was discharged as a lieutenant in 1918. Between wars he served with militia units.

In 1939 he was called to active service and was posted to Currie Barracks at Calgary as an instructor. He served there throughout the war and attained the rank of major. In 1946 he was discharged to the supplementary reserve and last June was taken on strength of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Three Boer War V.C.'s Honoured

Viscount Alexander unveiled a memorial plaque on a 12-pounder gun last November. This gun inspired three Canadians to deeds which brought them all Victoria Crosses in the South African War's battle of Leliefontein 50 years ago. One of the three men who won the V.C.'s by defending this and another gun against what the army called "a day of savage attacks by overwhelming numbers of the (Boer) enemy" will be present. He is Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Turner, then a lieutenant, now 79. The other two are dead.

The other two winners were Lt. H. C. Z. Cockburn who died at Toronto in 1913, and Sgt. E. Holland, who died at Cobalt, Ont., last year (1949). The present day Royal Canadian Dragoons, under Lt.-Col. G. J. H. Wattsford, will parade a 100-man honour guard to pay tribute to the heroic trio.

Jefferson To Direct Civil Defence

Brig. J. C. Jefferson was appointed early December as full time civil defence co-ordinator and deputy for Edmonton by city council on recommendations from its civil defence committee. His deputy will be Hugh Davidson, present city safety officer. Jeff will be on loan to the city from the Northwestern Utilities, Acting Mayor Hawrelak stated, and is on a \$1-a-year-basis. Editorials in our local paper have lauded the appointment of our member to this important part of National Defence, and we feel no better man could have been chosen for this duty. Several returned mens' organization have given evidence of their support in helping to organize the citizens for defence.



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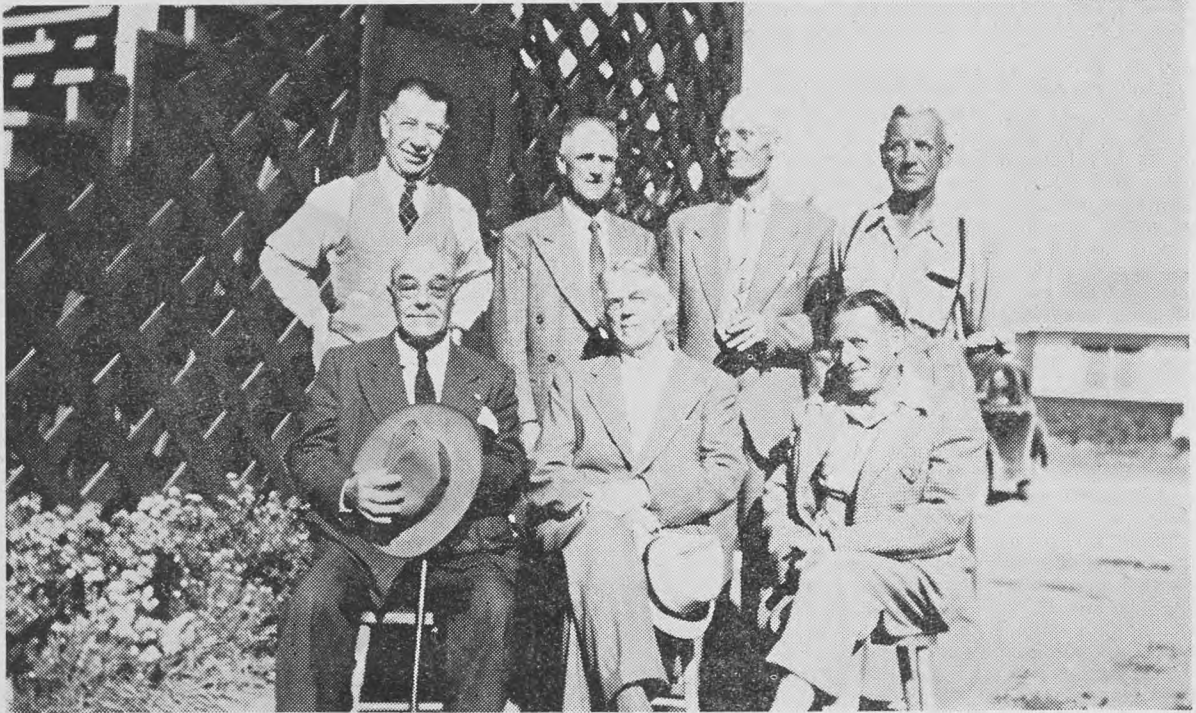
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WHITE ROCK NEWS

OLD CRONIES MEET AGAIN



Left to right, back row: Walter Hunter, Harry Griesbach, Ring Reid, Stan Thieme; front row: Bill Tipton, Col. L. C. Harris, Harry Jackson

Enclosed please find a snap shot taken last August. The occasion was a visit from Col. Harris. We sent out a call for all 49ers to rally around and this is what we came up with.

We had a very pleasant time and a nice visit. It is hard to tell now just what we were talking about as it was reunion style (all talking together).

However it ended all too soon as Col. Harris had to be on his way back to Vancouver, but before the party broke up we all promised to attend the Annual Banquet at Vancouver this January.

During this past summer I had the pleasure of seeing the following 49ers:

Charlie Dempster, B Coy—Charlie took over as machine gun sgt. after Ring Reid left. We had a nice visit but short as he was on his way to Victoria with his wife and daughter. Charlie's home is Winnipeg. He holds an executive position on the Winnipeg street railway. He looks very well and has a fine job.

Kenny Houghton, A Coy—Another original 49er, wounded at Ypres, former Edmonton city policeman, and now a prov. govt. official at Princeton, B.C., also a hard working Canadian Legion man. He was in White Rock on a holiday visiting with his wife's sister who lives here. We may see him again next summer.

Norman Cook, D Coy—Norman called at the house one Wednesday afternoon but I had gone over to the bowling green, and by the time he caught up to me we had just started a mixed doubles so our chat was very short. Boy was I ever disappointed. However Norm is going to let me know the next time he is coming out this way and

I will be ready for a much longer visit.

Marshall Browse—Also had a visit from Marsh. His wife and daughter were visiting friends here in White Rock, so he decided to look me up, and just caught me as I was driving away from the house. I was going down town on Legion business so he came along too. The Legion business was soon finished and the day being warm we dropped in to the Ocean View Hotel and had a couple of long cool ones and a fine chat about the old gang, etc. All too soon Marsh had to go and pick up his family, but on their way back to Vancouver they came by the house so we all had a chat but no cool ones this time.

Harry Jackson—wishes to be remembered to you and sends his best regards to all. He has a son-in-law in the Edmonton Fire Dept., a Mr. Shave.

Sgt. Geo. Carter, A Coy—Mrs. Ken Whipple a member of our Legion Auxiliary is a niece of Sgt. Carter. She tells me her Uncle George is in very poor health and is having a great deal of trouble with his eyes. I am very sorry to hear the bad news and I am sure all the old gang will too; I think Sgt. Carter was everyone's favorite sergeant especially around Ypres. He lives at Grande Prairie so some of the boys up that way may look him up if they have not already done so.

(Yes, Sergeant Carter was a grand fellow and must be really getting along in years, for we younger "swaddies" looked on him as one of the Daddies of the 49th. We hope some of our boys will pay him a visit.—Editor.)

Enclosed a clipping from the Daily Province all our and the wife's family are old friends of the

Fredericks, and we are awfully sorry to hear of Fred's passing, as no doubt many of the old gang will be.

Wishing all 49ers and Loyals the Very Best for 1951.
—Walter Hunter.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Representatives from all walks of life gathered at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day to honor the dead of two wars. Cool weather along with snow covered ground did not deter our veterans, members of the Permanent and Reserve Forces and citizens from coming out to the largest Remembrance Day service since World War II.

Prior to the service at the Cenotaph, memorial services were held by the various veterans' groups.

Rev. Edgar J. Bailey conducted the services at the Memorial Hall. Attending were Hon. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta; Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Mayor S. Parsons, along with representatives from the three armed forces. President of the Canadian Legion, Alan F. MacDonald, was chairman. A round of gunfire followed by two minutes silence brought the service to a close.

Similar services were held at the various veterans' centres throughout the city.

Following the Remembrance Day services the veterans mustered at the Memorial Hall for the march along McDougall Drive to the Cenotaph. Bands of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, R.C.A.F., R.C.N.V.R., Canadian Pipe Band and the Edmonton Boys Pipe Band marched in the parade.

At the Cenotaph, Hon. J. J. Bowlen laid the first wreath followed by officials of the city, province and veterans organizations. President E. B. Wilson represented our Association in the ceremony.

After the services at the Cenotaph the Lieutenant-Governor took the march past salute at Jasper Ave and 101 St. RSM Fred Purkis acted as parade marshall.

At a Remembrance Day luncheon, Rev. J. A. MacLellan, our padre at the time of the invasion of Sicily, declared that "the 49th Bn. as perpetuated in The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, had maintained a tradition. He declared that no finer body of men ever went into battle, no better trained regiment ever fought in any war and no better disciplined and better equipped regiment ever fought anywhere than The Loyal Edmonton.

"In two wars, he said, the 49th Bn. had answered the call to resist ruthless aggressors and he urged his audience to ponder on the loyalties for which the lives of many of these men had been given.

"He also reminded his audience that freedom had not been obtained without struggle and that loyalties to God, King and country were necessary to maintain peace, order and good government."

Balfour's Son Graduates

Word was received in December that Dr. G. S. Balfour, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Balfour, 10820 85 Avenue, has passed the examinations of the Royal College of Physicians. He is practising in Lethbridge.

Kingsway Legion Appoints Officers

Brig. Ernie Wilson was elected first vice-president at the Kingsway Branch election last December. A report was presented at the meeting that a Kingsway Legion platoon was to be formed in the near future. It will be affiliated with the Loyal Edmonton Reserve and all members will receive full Reserve Army pay.

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Dispatches by Ross Munro

The Story of the 1st Canadian Division in Action

(We are indebted to the Canadian Press for the privilege of publishing this "on the spot" account of the 1st Division's initial fighting.—Editor.)

By Ross Munro

I. SIX DAYS: 60 MILES

Four Infantry battalions—The Royal Canadian Regiment, the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, the Seaforth Highlanders and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry—established the Canadian bridgehead on the Pachino peninsula when the eighth Army descended on Sicily in the darkness and the developing light of dawn July 10.

Despite a sandbar stretching across the whole length of the beach and despite a heavy sea, these battalions splashed ashore in waist-deep water, broke through barbed wire and overcame comparatively light Italian opposition on the shoreline.

On the immediate left of the Canadians were Special Service Brigade commandos, under Canadian command. They had been landed shortly before the Canadians to attack coastal guns there.

On the right flank the 51st Highland Division assaulted the tip of the Pachino peninsula with the same outstanding success.

Simultaneously, the British Malta Brigade went ashore northeast of the town of Pachino, and the rest of the eighth Army—the 5th and 50th Divisions—landed in the Avola area and struck north to capture Syracuse and Augusta.

North of the 5th and 50th Divisions, British airborne formations came down. Around Gela on the south coast the Americans struck with assault divisions of their Seventh Army.

That was the general picture.

Canadian Thrust

On the Canadian Beach, the R.C.R.'s and H.P.E.'s went in on the right, the Seaforths and Patricias on the left. As soon as they reached shore they were supported by naval and air bombardment, with landing times varying from about 4 a.m. to dawn. Shortly after 5 a.m. they thrust inland.

The R.C.R.'s played the leading role, overrunning the coastal battery three miles from the beaches and then capturing Pachino airfield during the morning. This was the first airfield captured on the island and 48 hours later Spitfires were flying off it, thanks to the job done by a British airfield construction unit.

Then the R.C.R.'s stormed an Italian gun position a mile northwest of Pachino and knocked it out. The first Canadians killed in Sicily fell in this brief but fierce fight.

There now are three graves at the foot of the hill leading to the former enemy position.

The H.P.E.'s pushed inland on the left flank of the R.C.R.'s, cleaning up pockets of Italians and taking prisoners as other battalions were doing.

The Seaforths and Patricias had a brief scrap on their beach but got ashore and after cleaning up the beach area swung northwest to Ipsica with the commandos on their left flank.

Commandos Meet Cavalry

It was a freakish war at this stage with the commandos at one time fighting a squadron of Italian horsed cavalry. A monitor and six destroyers lay less than a mile off shore shelling targets inland with the monitor paying special attention to Ipsica.

The axis of the Canadian advance was northwest towards Ipsica and Ragusa with the Westerners leading. During the morning of July 10 the 48th Highlanders and the Edmonton Regiment landed and were followed by four other units.

About noon the Carleton and York, the West Nova Scotia and the Royal 22nd Regiment came ashore with a Quebec tank regiment. The support unit followed the assault battalions in groups.

Also in support of the Canadian advance was a self-propelled British field artillery regiment with 25-pounder guns mounted on Valentine tank chassis. This regiment had a notable record during the entire push straight through to Aderno.

The Edmontoners were first into Ipsica and their patrols were practically mobbed in the streets by cheering Italian civilians. A company of the Seaforths occupied Pozzallo, south of Ipsica on the coast, and the R.C.R.'s got into Rosolini, north of Ipsica.

The three Western units shared in the push on Modica which surrendered July 12. It was here the Canadians captured an Italian divisional general and his staff.

Vizzini Falls

By this time Canadian tanks were working with the infantry. There were only a few skirmishes and snipers were the one serious problem.

A group of the Edmontoners with some tanks went on to Ragusa and linked up with the Americans there.

Then Maj.-Gen. G. G. Simonds swung the Canadians due north for Vizzini, 18 miles away over mountain roads. His troops had half a day rest just north of Modica where Gen. Montgomery came to see them, and then they were away again on forced marches with the R.C.R., the 48th and the H.P.E. leading.

They passed through Giarratana and Monterosso, where it seemed fantastic that the enemy did not attempt to defend the mountains, and went up a long valley towards Vizzini.

There were some brushes with the enemy on the hills southwest of Vizzini but the 51st division on the right shelled the town thoroughly and captured it as the Canadians gained the hills to the west.

Head For Enna

Again the Canadians changed direction and they knew they were heading for Enna, in the heart of Sicily.

The H.P.E.'s went west along the road from Vizzini to Catagirone and on July 15 hit German opposition for the first time. A Bren carrier patrol with a tank reconnaissance patrol and some other troops ran into an ambush outside of Grammichele.

Several German tanks and pom-poms on half-track vehicles raked the carriers and knocked a number of them out. German and Italian infantry in the town fired down the road on the Canadians.

The Canadians spread out on the ground as the H.P.E. advance guard commanded by Lt.-Col. Lord Tweedsmuir came up and attacked Grammichele. The infantry worked into the town in close fighting and a small force of Canadian tanks drove off German tanks and pom-pom vehicles.

The Germans were driven back along the road to Catagirone. The 48th Highlanders were sent through to continue the advance and occupied Catagirone without a fight.

In six days the Canadians had advanced more than 60 miles with the infantry marching most of the way. The troops suffered from sunburn and the dust was stifling.

The supply organization went like clockwork due to good planning and the industry of the R.C.A.S.C. The prisoner-of-war problem was becoming acute at this stage. There were so many Italians who had surrendered that they were a definite deterrent to the advance.

The physical endurance of the Canadians was an outstanding feature of these early days. They stood up magnificently under the gruelling marches, the nervous tension and the fight at Grammichele.

II. THE ROAD TO ENNA

Pressing the Germans back into central Sicily, every regiment of the 1st Canadian Division was in action in the advance from Caltagirone. Each formation hopped through the other and battle inoculations were achieved without heavy shock.

On the road to Enna the Canadians were initiated gradually, building up to bloody actions from Leonforte to Agira.

On July 16 the Edmonton Regiment was leading the division as it approached Piazza Armerina when strong German positions were encountered in the hills south of the town. The Germans were holding out in machine-gun posts with mortar and artillery support and a couple of companies of infantry.

Edmontons At Work

The Edmontons went methodically to work and their attack was completely successful. Outflanking the enemy, they forced them out of their positions and drove them north.

The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry gave some help but it was principally an Edmonton action.

The Royal 22nd, West Nova Scotia and Carleton and York regiments then took the lead and caught up with the Germans south of Enna where the road branches off to Valguarnera and Leonforte. The enemy here was astride the only roads and his positions were stronger than any the Canadians had yet attacked.

The night of July 17-18, the Royal 22nd Regiment reached a branch in the road and the Germans opened fire. The French-speaking troops fought back determinedly and shook the enemy considerably.

One regiment, however, could not throw the Germans off these hill positions and Gen. Simonds mounted a strong attack for the afternoon of July 18. All available artillery was employed and there were three regiments of Canadian field artillery, one British self-propelled regiment and a British medium regiment, totalling 120 guns.

Barrage Does Trick

In the early afternoon the barrage crashed down on the German positions and the area was covered with bursting shells. Concentrations lasted more than half an hour.

Then the Carleton and York Regiment attacked the enemy positions from the front with the West Nova Scotias sweeping around on the right flank and the Royal 22nd going in with the New Brunswickers.

By late afternoon the hills had been captured and the enemy was in retreat toward Enna and Leonforte.

Meanwhile the 48th Highlanders, the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment had been sent far around to the right to attack Valguarnera.

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The Canadians went straight for Enna but, by this time, the Americans were in a better position to take the city from the west and the plan was altered, giving the Canadians the task of by-passing Enna and going through to Leonforte and Assoro as a prelude to the left hook on the Mount Etna line.

There was some disappointment that the Canadians didn't go into Enna in force for that was the plum of the campaign in the central sector but they found their next battle at Valguarnera.

The Royal 22nd joined the Ontario regiments in this attack. Some infantry went along the winding road toward the town, coming under fire, while other units went cross-country over the hills, meeting German opposition en route.

By this wide flanking movement to the east, Gen. Simonds hoped to trap a good portion of the German battle group opposing him and the operation was very successful.

Companies of the R.C.R. and H.P.E. regiments drove the enemy out of machine-gun posts in the hills southwest of Valguarnera and the 48th Highlanders were in action here for the first time, capturing one hill which was the key to the whole defence system before the town.

Take Valguarnera

The Royal 22nd was pinned down for hours along the road with batteries of guns trying to get through but they joined in the fight finally and between the four regiments the town was captured July 19.

The 48th Highlanders were the first to enter in strength.

With the Americans in Enna and Valguarnera in Canadian hands the stage was set for a thrust north to the mountain ridge strongholds of Leonforte and Assoro to which the Germans who escaped the Canadian trap at Valguarnera had fallen back.

The forces which had escaped were not strong but they were bolstered by other German regiments before the Canadian attack.

III. LEONFORTE: ASSORO: AGIRA

For the P.P.C.L.I., the Edmonton Regiment and the Seaforth Highlanders, the Sicilian town of Leonforte will be added to their regimental battle honors. The name of Assoro will go on the banners of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment and the 48th Highlanders.

Up the cliffs, the terraced precipices and along the ridge between these two mountain towns and in the towns themselves these Canadian battalions fought some of the hardest battles of the 1st Division's campaign.

It took three days shelling and infantry fighting to crack the German defences but it was finally done and the Canadians swung east.

In the advance on Leonforte and Assoro over the sweeping valley from Valguarnera progress was necessarily slow for enemy guns could fire over all the valley. However, during July 20 the Western and Ontario Regiments, supported by artillery, tanks, mortars and machine guns, closed in on the ridge.

The following day Canadian and British artillery fired for hours on the German positions and on the towns held by the enemy. That night the climax came when a two-pronged attack went in.

Up The Cliffs

The H.P.E.'s surprised the Germans completely by sneaking around to the east side of Assoro and clawing their way up a 2,000 foot precipice before dawn. The Seaforths infiltrated into Leonforte and the hills around it in a night attack and the Edmon-

ton Regiment got right into the streets, battling the Germans from house to house.

A group of the Edmontons was cut off in the centre of the town all night.

The Canadians' Sunday punch hit the Germans at Leonforte July 27 when the Patricias stormed into the town with tanks and anti-tank guns. They relieved the Edmontons just in time.

With the aid of the Seaforths and Edmontons, the Patricias cleaned out the town and took up positions to the east and north of it.

Meanwhile the H.P.E.'s were being heavily shelled at Assoro and were finding the opposition stiff although they had gained the clifftop and were holding it. To stabilize their gains and to exploit them, the 48th Highlanders went up the forward slopes and cliffs at Assoro and helped the H.P.E.'s. The 48th then pushed out to the Leonfore-Agira road.

Attack Eastward

By now the R.C.R.'s had some rest and the July 24 attack eastward was begun by this unit.

Following the artillery barrage, the R.C.R.'s went through Nissoria but struck the Germans dug in on a slope east of this small town. They mauled the Germans here but were not strong enough to break through their formidable line.

The H.P.E.'s attacked through them and saw more heavy fighting but the battalions were ordered back to avoid severe losses. The following night the 48th Highlanders hit the Germans on the Nissoria slope but they too were ordered back as the final attack was mounted.

Behind the most tremendous artillery concentration Canadian and British gunners fired here, the Patricias cracked through the enemy line and sent the Germans hurtling down the Agira road early July 27.

The Seaforths followed up the victory and went after the Germans withdrawing on Agira. The Edmontons also rushed forward for the kill.

The Seaforths battled the enemy on the hills within sight of Agira with particularly brilliant exploits on ridges south of the main road.

The Edmontons stormed and captured Cemetery Hill on the north side and Agira was at their mercy.

Tanks, infantry and machine gunners played havoc with the retreating enemy, shooting them down as they fled along the valley and road going east and north.

The Patricias polished off Agira the afternoon of July 28, first occupying the city with two companies.

During the whole push from Leonforte, the Canadians were gambling for high stakes for their left flank was exposed most of the way. The Americans had not yet swung around to the north to cover their flank.

However, the Canadians were always confident they could do the trick.

At one stage Gen. Simonds said he would welcome an attack on the flank for it would bring more Germans to battle and he was out to destroy Germans.

The British Malta Force, temporarily under his command, figured in the Agira battle. It advanced through rough country to the south of Agira and by putting pressure on there greatly aided the Canadian attack in force from the west.

Easterners Branch Off

While the British were under Canadian command, the Carleton and York, West Nova Scotia and Royal 22nd Battalions were under British command.

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These eastern regiments were entirely divorced from their fellow Canadians for more than a week as they made their way slowly down a mined road running east eight miles south of Agira and ending up in Catenanuova.

When Agira fell the Malta Force nudged eastward toward Regalbuto and the R.C.R.'s, H.P.E.'s and 48th Highlanders joined with them in the advance.

Everything was teed up now for the final phase, the skilfully managed attack which broke the Etna line.

IV. THE MOUNT ETNA LINE

The Canadian-British advance on Aderno which broke the Mount Etna line on the northern and Eighth Army front saw all the regiments in the 1st Canadian Division contribute to a victory which went a long way toward forcing the Germans to begin their evacuation of Sicily.

This final phase of the Canadians' 250-mile move through the Italian island, from Pachino to Etna, was the strangest of them all. It was probably the division's most valuable achievement in the general Eighth Army picture yet it was accomplished without a large scale engagement.

There was fierce, bloody fighting but it was done generally by platoons or companies in the mountains and hills through which the Canadians trekked like lost battalions.

The Aderno operation started as soon as Agira fell, when the British Malta force pushed doggedly east toward Regalbuto where the Germans were making another delaying stand. With the British, still under Canadian command, were the 48th Highlanders, the Royal Canadian Regiment, and the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, rested now from the fighting at Nissoria where they had softened up the German positions for a break through there.

For three days, July 29, 30, 31, British and Canadian infantry worked into the hills around Regalbuto. The R.C.R.'s and the H.P.E.'s got into position south of the town and the 48th Highlanders infiltrated to a high hill overlooking the town from the North. British troops did the same.

The Catenanuova Show

Meanwhile big things were happening eight miles south at Catenanuova where other Canadians were attacking.

During the Canadian advance from Leonforte to Agira the Royal 22nd was leading a push towards Catenanuova from the west, followed by the Carleton and Yorks and the West Nova Scotias with tanks and light infantry.

Nearing the town, the Royal 22nd had a bitter battle on Mount Scapello, south of the main road, and another mountain north of the road. They hit the Germans so hard, however, that the night of July 29-30 the West Novas supported by the Carleton and Yorks were able to go down the slopes of Mount Scapello, capture Catenanuova and establish a vital bridgehead over the dried-out bed of the Diattaino river.

This was the first concrete move leading to the German defeat at Aderno.

The British 78th division at this time came into the line at Catenanuova, exploiting the bridgehead to the full and driving at Centuripe, stronghold on the top of the mountain on the road to Aderno.

The 78th was the wonder division of the first army in Tunisia last winter and it lived right up to its reputation won so hard at Longstopphill and down the Medjerdah Valley.

Germans Collapse

The three Canadian Battalions which fought at Catenanuova operated through the mountains on the flank of the 78th under whose command they were during this operation.

On August 2nd the Germans collapsed. First, Regalbuto fell at noon to the Canadians and British, and Centuripe was yielded in mid afternoon.

The 78th Division looked ahead to Aderno and mounted its attack.

As the Regalbuto-Centuripe operations were concluding the Canadians were pulling off a sneak play in the mountains north of the Regalbuto-Aderno main road.

Supplied by mule trains, the Edmontons pushed off into some of the wildest country in Sicily, making their way on foot over mountain tracks and along river beds to gain mountains and hills overlooking the Simeto river valley which was the last obstacle before Aderno and the Mount Etna Line.

Guerrilla Warfare

The Edmontons achieved an initial surprise but eventually ran into German positions in the mountains. The fighting which followed was knock-down, drag-dash out guerrilla battling with companies and platoons sharing the burden. The whole battalion was never in action at the one time.

The Edmontons first captured Hill 736, then stormed Mount Revisotto, taking it too.

General Simonds organized a strong infantry and tank force to strike down the valley between the Edmontons and the Regalbuto-Aderno road and the Seaforths were given this task with the tanks.

With perfect co-ordination, this spearhead pierced through to the hills by the Simeto river. The Patricias finished the job by occupying Mount Seggio, highest peak by the Simeto.

The Westerners held firm on this mountain line but weren't counter-attacked.

Left Hook Knockout

In the final flourish the Royal 22nd were sent around ahead of the Canadian line and at night got across the Simeto river, gaining a strong bridge-head. On the night of August 6-7 the 78th Division laid down an artillery barrage on Aderno following a heavy bombing during the day and British infantry were in Aderno and up the Bronte road by morning.

The left hook had given the knockout blow to the Germans.

The 48th Highlanders moved into the Simeto Valley, too, and the Carleton and York and West Novas pulled up on the left flank of the 78th as it fought towards Bronte.

The role of the Royal Canadian Engineers was most important through all this fighting, for as the Germans fell back on Aderno they cratered the roads and blew up scores of bridges. The sappers were always on the job, well forward with the infantry repairing roads under fire, bridging and, during the Westerners' attack through the mountains, actually building a completely new road over trackless country.

Everyone at the front gave the Canadian gunners full marks and that went as well for the British self propelled regiment which stuck with the Canadians and gave them wonderful support from Pachino to Etna.

Saskatchewan machine gunners, mortarmen and flak troops were frequently in action, helping the infantry break down German opposition.

Morfitt—Mayer

The wedding took place Dec. 2nd, at McDougall United Church Manse, of Miss Norah Mayer, daughter of Mrs. E. Mayer, to Mr. Ernest Edward Morfitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morfitt, all of Edmonton. Rev. Wesley Bainbridge officiated.

S.A.R. Form Dominion Body

Some 130 South Alberta Regiment veterans from Edmonton, Calgary and other Western Canadian centres renewed wartime friendships when the 28th Canadian Armored Reconnaissance Regiment (S.A.R.) sponsored a two-day reunion at the Connaught Armouries last March. Named president was Maj. A. F. Coffin, Calgary; vice-president, Grant Flaws and secretary, J. T. Creighton, Calgary.

Beard But Not Gray Beard

Canadian army history may be made at Victoria, B.C., if the wish of Gunner Ranjit Singh Azad that he be allowed to wear turban and beard is agreed to. He is a member of the 8th anti-aircraft operations reserve unit, but is anxious for a career in Canada's active army. Ranjit is 25 years, a college graduate and speaks seven languages.

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BOOSTS AND BLOOMS

By the time you read these words, Christmas—with all its gaiety and entertainment, its feasting and hangovers—will have passed into history and we shall already be attempting to write 1951 on our letters and cheques, so let's take this opportunity—afforded us by this popular little magazine—of wishing all Forty-Niners and their Families, where'er they may be, in this country or abroad, a happy and prosperous New Year, with the hope that Peace—that Peace which passeth all understanding—may be theirs to enjoy for many a long day.

We had a wonderful summer at the Coast this year with weeks of perfect sunshine and summer temperatures and just sufficient Scotch mist to keep the flowers in bloom and the lawns an emerald green—just the weather to attract and hold the tourists. However, this happy state of affairs was suddenly brought to a peremptory end with the declaration of the railway strike, which sent holidaymakers scurrying home by plane, car and bus—leaving the trains standing idle and the coastal steamers riding leisurely at anchor out in English Bay—but this, like the floods of '48, was just another nine day's wonder and soon forgotten in the riotous clamor of everyday city living.

TOURISTS INVADE VANCOUVER

Speaking of tourists, reminds us of the pleasure we experienced in seeing our old friend Jack Blewett and family out here this summer, their visit was as welcome as the daffodils in March. Another welcome guest was none other than Harry Botel who brought greetings from the Manitoba capital. "Bo" was on a reconnaissance of British Columbia and it's just possible that he, too, will soon "Follow the swallows to Victoria" for good. Norman Cook, accompanied by his wife, was also a welcome friend to our fair city. However, their visit was all too short but it was great seeing them again. Edgar Arnold came down from Falkland for a holiday. It was good to see how well he maintains the Arnold tradition, you have only to look into his smiling eyes to see eternal youth smiling back at you. No, Edgar will never grow old!

D. A. Fazan also visited the province this fall but only got as far as the Okanagan. However, your rambling reporter was able to contact him during a long weekend in Kelowna, on the shores of beautiful Lake Okanagan, made famous as the habitat of the Ogopogo. Age has at last caught up with "D.A." and he has now joined that august and ancient Order of Tired and Retired Workers of North America. We wish him the peaceful and prolonged rest he has surely earned. George Crockett—known to hundreds by the sobriquet "Baby Face" was amongst the thousands from across the Rockies who visited the Coast this summer—the years make little change with George! Horticulturists will be interested to learn that Pip Muirhead was again a most successful competitor at the annual exhibition of the South Burnaby Horticultural Association this fall, taking home no less than twelve prizes for his garden produce. That's good digging Pip! The blue-coated citizens of Vancouver and vicinity—the city's police force—completed their annual field day of golf over the Peace Portals Course recently, and amongst the successful hot shots was Cecil Paul. Good shooting Cece!

It will be of interest to former "Eddies" to hear that J. C. Wilson who served in 17 Platoon, "D"

Company, has left to join Canada's Special United Nations Brigade. We all wish him the best of good luck and a safe and speedy return. It was with a sense of genuine regret that we learned that comrades Alan Elliott and Tom Galliver had packed up their troubles and left this Ever Green Playground for Edmonton where they expect to make their homes again—meantime, we shall miss them indeed, but we'll be looking out for them to return westward again before many more moons.

Stanley Park, on the shores of the blue Pacific, was again the rendezvous for our annual Pic-Nic which was held July 30th under the most favourable auspices—a hot summer sun beamed it's approval which added much to the pleasure of the outing! Just over one hundred veterans and their friends attended, amongst whom was our original M.O.—Doc Harris—accompanied by Mrs. Harris—who received a hearty welcome to this, his first appearance at a gathering of the clan in Vancouver. Oldsters and youngsters had a wonderful time—grandmothers kicked their shoes high in the air, in the shoe kicking event of course—and the youngsters ate themselves full of ice cream in true Pic-Nic style. It was a pleasure to see such a large turn out of good looking sturdy young third generation Forty-Niners—this augurs well for the future of the Association! Top honours went to that genial soul, Jack Bowling, for having the largest number of grandchildren on parade—however, security regulations prohibit us mentioning the actual number!

To re-open our fall activities, a most successful social evening was recently held in the Castle Hotel when close upon a hundred of the troops, their wives and sweethearts, enjoyed seeing the film "Battle of Britain" through the kind hospitality of the British Columbia Electric Company, Ltd. After the entertainment, the Ladies of the Auxiliary kindly served light refreshments and a pleasant social hour—which permitted the renewing of many friendships and the making of new ones—rounded out another happy get-together.

SEMI-ANNUAL SICK PARADE

Our hospital committee, with the able assistance and co-operation of the Ladies of the Auxiliary, have made weekly visits to the hospitals in an effort to bring a little cheer and change to our comrades who may be hospitalized. Percy Wells, F. C. Howell, Jacob Stockie, R. McBratney, Harry Magee, L. S. Walker, D. R. Ware, have all been patients in Shaughnessy for some weeks but we are glad to say they have now returned home much improved in health. However, Magee, McBratney and Stockie are still out-patients. Comrades O. Arneson, W. W. Morrison, F. Temple and J. Snay are spending some time in hospital—we wish them all a speedy return to good health. We regret to say Harry Hrabec, who was wounded in Italy, is still confined in hospital and is now undergoing treatment for paraplegia—that's a possibility he may soon be transferred to the University Hospital in Edmonton for further treatment.

It is with deep regret we have to record the passing of comrades William Craig, William Frederick, Felix A. MacPherson and George E. Thompson. Further details will be found in this issue under the caption "Last Post".

And that's "thirty" for now, friends.

W. M. R. Soars, President.

A. G. Rowland, Secretary

POPS AND GRANDPOPS

J. Goldie, H.Q. company, 1st Loyal Eddys' announces the arrival of a baby boy, Neil Daniel, at the Misericordia Hospital, Feb. 5, 1950. Weight 7 lbs.

E. F. Robbins, A company, announces the arrival of a daughter at the Misericordia, April 28, 1950, Wendy Margaret.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bailey (Gwyneth Cook) a daughter Virginia on July 19 at the University Hospital, weight 7 lbs. 15 ozs.

Cull—To Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cull, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, on July 30, a daughter, Mary Dianne, 6 lbs., 9 ozs.

Nikiforuk—To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nikiforuk (nee Eileen Robb) on August 14, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, a son, Barry John Allen, weight 7 lbs. 13 ozs.

Reesor—to Major and Mrs. F. K. Reesor (nee Lorna MacDonald) in Ottawa on Sept. 3, a son.

Harrison—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Harrison (nee Edna Reilly) on Sunday, October 15, a son, Roy Gregory, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Gilchrist—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gilchrist at Royal Alexandra Hospital on Nov. 2, a son, weight 10 lbs. 1 oz. A brother for Carol and Lallie. How Grandpop will throw out his chest now! A real whopper.

Reynolds—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Reynolds (formerly Frances Caselman) at Sarnia, Ont., Sunday, Nov. 5, a son.

Hidson—Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hidson (nee Patricia Ryland) on Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital a daughter, Pamela Daphne.

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WEDDING BELLS

Wiles—Carman

The wedding took place on Tuesday, July 4th, at St. John's Anglican Church, Victoria of Mary Thain Carman, daughter of Mrs. Muriel L. Carman, 3701 Craigmillar Avenue, and the late J. F. E. "Dad" Carman, and Gerald Hugh Wiles, son of Mrs. A. C. Wiles, 412 Kerr Avenue, all of Victoria. Rev. Canon George Biddle performed the ceremony. Baskets of white gladioli and pink peonies formed the setting for the service, music for which was played by Mr. F. Chubb. The pretty bride, given in marriage by her cousin Mr. Walter Englehardt, was attired in a suit of dusty rose wool crepe with navy blue hat and accessories and a corsage of shell pink carnations and stephanotis. She was attended by Miss Judith Wiles, sister of the groom, wearing a pastel green wool crepe suit, with brown hat and accessories, and a corsage of golden tea roses. Mr. Ralph Connor acted as best man. The honeymoon was spent in California. The bridegroom served in the Canadian Scottish in the last war, crossing over to France on "D" Day. He was awarded the "Oak Leaves".

Briggs—Stafford

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stafford announce the marriage of their younger daughter, Marion Elizabeth to Mr. John Briggs, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Briggs all of Edmonton. The wedding took place October 21, at McDougall United Church. The bridegroom's father served in the 49th.

Johnson—Key

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Key, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Mary Joan to Mr. Douglas Russell Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Johnson, Kelowna, B.C. (late of Edmonton, Alta.) The wedding to take place on Monday, September 18th, in the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Kelowna, B.C. The bride's father served in the 49th.

Patterson—Passmore

Joyce Audrey Passmore pledged marriage vows with Bruce Douglas Patterson on Friday, Nov. 3rd, at Highlands Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Passmore. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Patterson. Viola Oviat attended the bride. Best men was Ralph Patterson. The groom's father served in the 49th.

Bricker—Levine

A picture appeared in a local paper last September showing Mr. and Mrs. Garry Bricker cutting their wedding cake following their marriage at the House of Israel in Edmonton. The bride is the former Sherna Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Levine of Edmonton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bricker of Lavoy. They will make their home in Edmonton. The bridegroom's father served in the 49th.

Pimm—Tanner

The wedding took place Tuesday, July 25th, at Knox United Church of Doris Elizabeth Tanner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tanner to Donald William Pimm, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ira S. Pimm of Trenton, N.J. Dr. D. Ramsey assisted. Miss Shirley Tanner led the bridal procession, followed by bridesmaid Miss Kathleen Tanner and matron-of-honor Mrs. J. H. Mjolsness. Best man was J. Howard Mjolsness. The bride's father, Alderman Tanner, served in the 49th.

Freeman—Skaar

Under a photo in a local paper last October appeared the following: "Making their home in Edmonton after a honeymoon to Banff are Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Clayton Freeman. They were married in an attractive double ring ceremony this month at Eastwood United Church. The bride, the former Miss Esther Christine Skaar, is the daughter of Mr. O. F. Skaar of Didsbury and the late Mrs. Skaar. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Freeman of Edmonton.

Johnson—Lipsey

Knox United Church was the setting for the wedding, Saturday November 18th, when Margaret Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lipsey of Edmonton, become the bride of Alon Mueller Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Johnson of Edmonton. Rev. Gerald Rogers performed the ceremony. Miss Barbara Lipsey attended her sister as maid-of-honor, Mrs. S. R. Bailey and Mrs. W. H. Stamp also attended the bride. Best man was Mr. Jerry Pringle of Calgary. The bridegroom served in the 1st Bn. Loyal Eddies.

Col. Louis Scott Farewelled

Col. Louis Scott, a former commander of the regiment, and Mrs. Scott, just before leaving for England, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard MacDonald, who are making their home in Ottawa, were special guests when the officers of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment entertained at a reception at Camp Harris Sunday afternoon, July 11, 1950. Red and white carnations and baby 'mums graced the main table for the occasion as more than 150 guests called to be received by Maj. Percy Darlington, mess president, and Lieut. Charles Petrie, mess secretary. Among the guests were Col. and Mrs. Phillip Debney, Col. and Mrs. William Stillman Col. and Mrs. G. D. K. Kinnaird, Col. and Mrs. J. Fleming, Col. and Mrs. William Cromb, Lt.-Col. Alan Macdonald, commanding officer of the regiment, and Mrs. Macdonald, Brig. and Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Brig. and Mrs. James C. Jefferson, Maj. and Mrs. John Adams, Maj. and Mrs. George Gleave, Maj. and Mrs. Marshall Browne, Maj. and Mrs. H. G. Field, Maj. and Mrs. J. Hunter, Maj. and Mrs. M. Flowers and Capt. and Mrs. R. Lilly. Colonel and Mrs. Scott are now living in London, England. (See item elsewhere).

Andy Grieg Retires

After 28 years as a railway policeman, Andy Grieg, C company, 49th, of 10128 107 avenue, veteran CNR officer retired last July. Andy had pounded his beat regularly and must have worn out a good many pairs of boots, and wasn't sorry that it was all over. To the news reporter he said, "It's a hectic life being a police officer all one's life." Andy now 65, started police work at the age of 21 in Glasgow, Scotland. In his hometown in Fifeshire, he also served as a police officer up until the time of his departure to Canada and Edmonton in 1909. He stayed with the police in the city for two years and then moved on to Peace River where he lived until War I broke out. Andy was one of the bunch of homesteaders, lumbermen, etc., who came down from the north to enlist in the 49th. We had a splendid addition of tough fighting material in those boys. Returning in 1918 he joined the mounted police, but in 1922 returned to Edmonton and since that time has served with the CNR police. Mr. and Mrs. Grieg will continue to reside in Edmonton, and we wish them a long and happy retirement.

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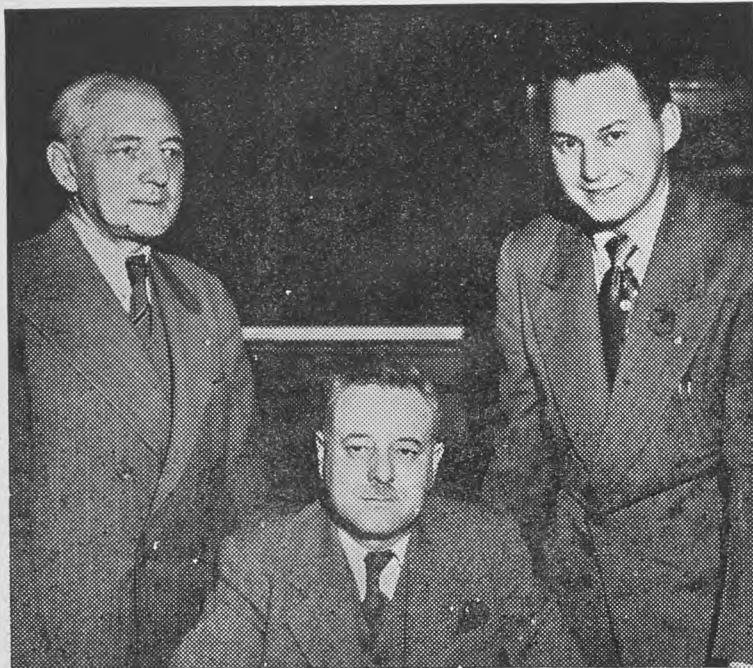
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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Memorial Hall on Sunday, November 5th, 1950 at 2:30 p.m. President W. G. Stillman presided.

The meeting was called to order and two minutes silence observed in memory of those who gave their

ERNIE WILSON PRESIDENT



Left to right: Bill Stillman, Ernie Wilson, Bert Hidson

lives in both World Wars and who have since passed on to their reward.

The minutes then were read by the Hon. Secretary and adopted by motion of John Hancock and Norman Cook, also complimenting the secretary on his preparation of minutes and his other duties so well and ably performed.

President's Address

President Stillman then gave his accounting for the year, and went on to say, "These remarks fall largely into a pattern and chiefly concern the two semi-annual functions of our Association, namely, the Banquet in January and the Church Parade and Picnic in July, but to these during the year was added a dance by a committee of War II, and also on two occasions where the members were specially requested to be present:

(1) At the inspection of our perpetuating unit by Brig. R. Coleman, D.S.O., M.C. (who served as O.C. of the 1st Bn. in Italy).

(2) At the funeral of Col. Walter Hale.

The response to the two latter, at somewhat short notice was gratifying."

The attendance at the last Banquet was up to the usual standard and taxed the Macdonald dining room to accommodate all. The general programme was embellished here and there, notably in the ceremony of the escorting in of the late General's sword. A presentation from the City of Edmonton.

The special appeal for a better attendance at the Church Parade had the desired effect and our parade was larger than for some time. The repre-

sentation from the Reserve unit and the reappearance of the Pipe Band helped to bring the parade back to a semblance of its former stateliness.

The president thanked all the officers of the executive for the help and co-operation he had been given, and hoped this would be carried on to his successor.

At the conclusion of his splendid address the president was applauded loudly and long.

Unfortunately the Hon. Treasurer Jack Madore could not attend the meeting on account of illness and his financial report for the year which had been audited by and certified correct by Lt. Col. G. D. K. Kinnaird was presented by the secretary who moved its adoption. Barney Morrison seconded the motion and was carried with thanks to the Treasurer for an excellent job.

Election of Officers

The nomination and election of officers saw the following being nominated and elected: President E. B. Wilson; 1st Vice-President, Ronnie Bowen; Bill Cromb, second Vice-President, but owing to pressure of business had to be replaced by Kenny Kinnaird. Re-elected to their offices were Secretary Bert Hidson; Treasurer Jack Madore. A nominating committee composed of Messrs. Sandilands, Morrison, Cook, Hancock, Nicholls and Ferguson brought in the following recommendations and on their proposing were seconded and elected: Honorary President John (Mike) Michaels; Editor Norman Arnold; Assistant Editor, Bob

Turner; Associate Editors, Norman E. Cook, Barney Olsen, G. Rowlett and H. R. Horne. Executive officers: Neville Jones, J. W. H. Williams, O. Muckleston, Kenny Kinnaird, Jack Blewett, Norman Cook, Ronnie Arthurs, Bill Stillman, Geo. Duncan, Art McCormack, F. E. J. Hancock, Ed Tannous, Jim Foote, Sam McCullough, P. L. Debney and Jim (Jeff) Jefferson.

Reports and Miscellany

J. W. H. Williams submitted his report dealing with Last Post funerals and was thanked for his untiring efforts to help the bereaved by supplying pallbearers, etc. He thanked the following for helping him as pallbearers: Messrs. Blewett, Nicholls, Alexander, Waithe, Peart, Cook, Law, Crockett, Hancock, Wismer, Hidson, Summersgill, Moisey, Stone, Petit, Campbell and Arnold. These services were given at the funerals of members buried in the Edmonton district and these are covered in the July and this January Last Post.

Ed Tannous, chairman of the Sick committee was absent, but the Secretary made his report of the visits to Forty-Niners in the Col. Mewburn and Charles Camsell Hospitals. The necessary money was voted for a continuation of this work.

The editor of the Forty-Niner in presenting his report stressed the need for more news from individual members both as to their local doings and also stories complementing the Battle Articles now running in the magazine.

The matter of the depositing of the Old Colours in some suitable place was left to the executive for

further study and report. (See article in this issue of the Imperial Loyals Colour deposition).

Mr. H. E. Balfour spoke of the many things which would be left to the association from the Griesbach estate. He suggested that these could be placed in the Rutherford Library in the University of Alberta. The new executive was also to take this under advisement.

On motion of Messrs. Munroe and Morrison the President was chosen to deposit the wreath on Remembrance Day, November 11th.

The following letters of thanks were forwarded on motion of Blewett and Sandilands: The Canadian Legion for use of the hall for this and executive meetings; Kinnaird & Aylen for auditing our books; the press and radio for many free services rendered, all carried with applause. Neville Jones moved a vote of thanks to Bill Elliott of Busby, Alta., for furnishing a bus in which to transport families to the picnic at Winterburn.

Approximately 75 members were on hand and decided to adjourn at 4:35 p.m.

Brigadier Southam Dies In Toronto

William Wallace Southam, 49, a former C.O. of the 48th Highlanders of Canada who was taken prisoner at Dieppe, died at Sunnybrook Hospital last April. He went overseas in 1939 as second-in-command of the 48th Highlanders and took command in 1940. Later he was promoted to brigadier. He was among those Canadians taken prisoner in the Dieppe raid on August 19, 1942, and returned to Canada at the end of the war.

Canada's Weekly Ceases Publication

The final issue of Canada's Weekly, a magazine of Canadian news and features, appeared on London news stands last April 1st after 66 years of uninterrupted publication. Thomas Skinner and Company, publishers, said Canada's Weekly "no longer is an economic proposition." The magazine was founded as the Canadian Gazette by Sir Thomas Skinner in 1883. It took the name of Canada's Weekly in 1934 after incorporating the magazine Canada founded in 1906.

King Presents Colours

The King and Queen on Wednesday, July 19th, presented the first Royal Colours to the Parachute Regiment (the "Red Devils")—the youngest infantry regiment in the British Army.

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CHURCH'S PIONEERING DAYS RECALLED**CANON BALL'S VICARAGE HOUSE REUNION**

An editorial on the Bishop's page of "The Edmonton Churchman" on the 75th anniversary of the diocese relating the commencing of a mission here says, "1910 is a date to be remembered here. I was vividly reminded of it myself by a letter which I had recently from Mr. J. B. Bickersteth, and from reading something written by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York (Davidson and Lang) in that year."

This went on to tell of the growth of Saskatchewan and Alberta, of their size in relation to Britain and of the ever increasing tide of immigrants pouring in, 180,000 entered in 1909. They were concerned as to the character and spiritual welfare of these people, and called for missions and missionaries to go out. "The answer to this challenge was the Edmonton Mission."

"In his letter Mr. Bickersteth tells me of a meeting of some of the survivors of that magnificent body of men who laid the foundations of our church north and west of Edmonton. The reunion was held 'under the hospitable roof of Canon W. A. R. Ball, who is vicar of Doddington near Canterbury on May 24th. There were 15 of us altogether, (counting wives), chief among them being Canon and Mrs. Ball, Canon and Mrs. Bailey, Harkness, Whittaker, Fisher, MacMichael (all five priests) there was Patrick who was for so long at Wabamun with Huxtable in the old days—there was Mrs. W. G. Boyd (widow of Canon Boyd 'the head' in the early years) and there was myself. Quite a number could not come—Bishop Lang, Canon Mercer for instance and others. Still it was a great reunion, Whittaker and I were in the Lac La Nonne, Peavine, Greencourt, Whitecourt area in the spring of 1911—39 years ago—and I had not set eyes on him since 1913. Nor had I seen 'Pat' since those days. You can imagine how many memories we were able to revive and what experiences we had to relate."

"Everybody had gathered by midday. Canon Ball reported on all members of the Mission, dead or alive, that he knew of. So when we went across to the ancient church for Sext, we knew what to have in our minds. Sitting in the choir stalls opposite each other just as we did in the old chapel at St. Faith's, Edmonton."

In their prayers and memories they remembered those still carrying on the work they had started so many years ago, and particularly thought of Winnipeg and the flood damage, and intended to send along their mite to help.

(Many of the boys who served with the 49th will remember the early days in this part of our city, and the meetings that were held and the sports played around there. Some of those who used to attend were: Nobby Clarke, M.M., whose brother was the Winnipeg V.C.; Vic Dingley, G. B. Crockett, the Arnold boys, and many others who served with Edmonton and other units.—Editor.)

First British Troops in Korea

British Ground Troops in jungle green battle-dress landed in Korea last August to give the Commonwealth its first fighting force in the United Nations action against North Korean Communists. Tan and hardy Scotsmen and men from the London area disembarked from the aircraft carrier Unicorn and the cruiser Ceylon. A battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and one of the Middlesex Regiment were the units thus honoured.

Overseas Correspondents

Col. Louis Scott thanks the Association for sending along the magazine. He read it from cover to cover, and enjoyed it throughout, but in doing this he felt homesick for Edmonton and all his friends of his soldiering days. His address appears in another item.

Colonel E. R. Knight, 17 Addiscombe Road, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, is also another who got pleasure out of our magazine. He congratulates the editorial staff in maintaining the high standard, and thinks it is the best he knows in this type of journal. He was saddened at the names of those who had passed on: Walter Hale, Andy Todd, Charley Mathison, Dick Barcroft and long Bill Clarke. The reference to Sgt. Gough of No. 4 in his day, pleased him. His congratulations go to Alan Macdonald on his appointment to command the Reserve Battalion, and election to the Presidents office of the Montgomery Branch, Canadian Legion. Yes, the J. R. Boyd is Joe of A company and late of Peace River. The White Rock News with mention of so many old 49ers was pleasant reading. He had a visit with Col. Scott and got some Alberta news. His good wishes go out to all the old "Forty-Ninth" friends.

A. F. Hobbins Returns to England

Former wing commander in the R.C.A.F. and a veteran of two wars, A. F. Hobbins and family returned to England to take up permanent residence. Mr. Hobbins will go back to the aircraft industry, with which he was associated before and during the war. Son of the late Col. A. K. Hobbins, DSO, the original adjutant of the 49th, Mr. Hobbins remained in the R.A.F. after the first war until 1926. He returned to Canada but later joined the Bristol Aeroplane company. He later did duty with the Royal Navy in experimental seaplane work. In 1941 he went to R.C.A.F. and became a wing commander in the Aeronautical engineering branch.

Magazine Workers

These members have assisted in getting the Forty-Niner out on time and in helping with the news items or, a very arduous job, collecting the ads without which we would be hard put to in publishing your favourite: Miles Palmer, Ed Tan-nous, Bernard Bricker, Ernie Newland, Ron Bowen, Tom Hidson, Bert Hidson, Bob Turner, J. Madore, Barney Olsen, A. L. Smith, Mrs. Chettleborough, pinch hitting for Stan, N. E. Cook, Bert Millar and Jimmy McMillan, Calgary. Ron Bergman, Mrs. Bowen, Ken Rootes, Jim Rowlett, H. B. Horn.

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KOREA-BOUND "PATS" RECEIVE HEADQUARTERS PENNANT



Marking the end of more than three months of training, and prior to departure for Fort Lewis, Washington, members of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, were presented with a regimental headquarters pennant. As a gesture of farewell, Lt.-Col. N. G. Wilson-Smith, officer commanding 1st Battalion, P.P.C.L.I., presented the pennant to Lt.-Col. J. R. Stone, commander of the Korea-bound unit. Similar to the pennant which flies over Currie Barracks, Calgary, with a "2" replacing the "1" in one corner, it will be flown wherever the unit is stationed. Here Lt.-Col. Wilson-Smith (left) and Lt.-Col. Stone inspect the pennant.—National Defence photograph.

James Riley Stone, D.S.O. (and bar), M.C.

The story of "Stoney" begins September, 1939, in the Peace River country. One of the first to enlist, he went overseas with an advance party as a junior N.C.O. and went on from there to hold almost every rank in the fighting part of an infantry battalion. By July 1943 in Sicily Jim was a Captain and there he won the M.C. By the time of Ortona, December 1943, he commanded a company and fought it hard until 8 all ranks were left of the D company that went into the battle. By March of 1944 Jim was 2 i/c and attended the Senior Officers School at Benevento, Italy, being qualified there for Battalion command.

As second in command and as Commanding Officer for the final nine months of the war he served the Loyal Edmonton Regiment with a skill that marked him out as a born soldier. No battalion of the Canadian Army was better led than was the Loyal Edmonton Regiment under J. R. Stone. He volunteered for the Japanese war in 1945. Now in 1950 has gladly taken over leadership of the 2nd Battalion P.P.C.L.I. and it is no surprise to those who know him that the battalion he leads is first in its brigade to reach battle standards. He is a big man by any standard is J. R. Stone—with the head and the heart of a leader of men. He will always rank high among those who have led the Loyal Edmonton Regiment—and the Pats are lucky to get him!

Owen Browne

O. R. Browne turned up early in the war with the Regiment. He went to the "I" section, then became a corporal and was commissioned in time to see a lot of action with the unit. "Brownie" served as Battalion I. O. in the winter campaign of 1943-44 and went on from that job to be 2 I/C in rifle company. By November 1944 he was commanding "D" Company on the watery flats of the Po River valley.

Brownie has also joined Lt. Col. Stone in the Second Battalion P.P.C.L.I. with the rank of Captain and at the last word was 2 I/C in rifle company. Here is another sound and seasoned soldier who should help to make the new Pats worthy of the great name they inherit.

Henry Dolphin Patrick Tighe, M.C.

Pat went overseas with the regiment in December, 1939, and served steadily until leaving Italy to serve with the British Fourteen Army in Burma. He landed in Sicily with the rank of Captain and soon distinguished himself and won the Military Cross.

When the call came from Jim Stone for the Special Force, Pat was right on hand again and is now second in command of the Patricias under Jim. Pat is a good soldier, loved and respected by his men, and will acquit himself well in his second term of service in the army.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Currie Auld, C Coy, Thinks Back

NOTE: The following is an account of Currie Auld's successful attempt to enlist in the 49th, written in a letter to Norman Cook. He made about as strenuous an attempt getting in the army as most disgruntled ones did to get out.—Editor.

It was not until I got back to Edmonton that I was made aware of the number of old 49ers I could have looked up in Vancouver and the Island when I was there. I was so sorry to have missed Col. Harris (Doc to you). While in Edmonton I also missed seeing Mayor Sid Parsons who was away at a convention at Saskatoon.

In Edmonton I got the latest Gen from H. O. Palmer and Arnold. My cousin Art Richards drove me around Edmonton, it is certainly growing. Since I have seen Alberta again I have a real hankering to go back. I guess it has always remained in my system since the old days.

I am through with the Dominion Civil Service. The four children are all married. Two boys are at Innisfail operating a power farm. One is with Swift's in Ontario, and the daughter is married and living in Vancouver. All the boys were in the R.C.A.F. during the war. The second lad was brought down in August, 1943 and was a prisoner.

After leaving the army this last time I spent a number of months in Deer Lodge Hospital, but am feeling in top form again.

I hope to be able to get up to the dinner this year. It would be grand to see some of the old boys again.

"You may recall Norman before we left Edmonton for overseas I had an operation for appendicitis. The day I came out of hospital I was discharged as medically unfit. That was three weeks before the battalion left. They gave me twenty-three or so dollars to fit me out for civil life again.

Anyhow, I never missed going out to the old exhibition grounds every day and worrying both the Colonel and Major Harris about getting back in uniform. The colonel said he could not do anything, and Harris said he could not risk taking me. This went on every day until I had them both nearly crazy.

The morning of the day the battalion was leaving I went after Griesbach to let me ride as far as Winnipeg with the boys. He said he could get into trouble, but he would risk that, so I got on the train with my old platoon, No. 9 of C Company. When we were about six hours from Winnipeg Colonel Griesbach came and looked me up in the car, and asked me if I was still set on going on with the battalion. I, of course, said, Yes! He told me to come back to his car in half an hour. When I got back there was a real war on. As I recall them, there was the Colonel and Major Harris, the principals, Major Daniels, Major Hobbins and Capt. Pete MacNaughten. Daniels and Pete for sure were backing the Colonel. Major Harris was pretty sore, and said he would not be responsible for me if I had to be returned from England. He said I would not last a month over there. So the Colonel said, O.K., I will take the chance and all the responsibility for I am going to take him. He gave orders for Lieut. Gregory to take me into the station at Rivers, Manitoba, and let me send a telegram to my father and mother to be at the Winnipeg station about midnight to see me going through.

So, I went on to Montreal, and that early morning we boarded the boat I carried Major Daniel's greatcoat and suitcase. The Colonel told me when I got up the gangplank not to answer anyone, he would do the talking if necessary. But if I made the deck to "get the hell" out of sight until after it pulled out. It was a good job I made it for had I been yanked off the boat and stranded in Montreal I had less than three dollars in my pocket.

I was a civvie on the boat until the day before we arrived in Plymouth. Major Hardisty was the officer of the day and he swore me into the army for the second time out on the Atlantic Ocean. When he finished the Major remarked to me he doubted if ever before in the history of the Canadian Army a man was recruited in the middle of the ocean.

In the afternoon the Colonel said I had to have some kind of uniform on to land, as he, even, did not have the nerve to go through another ordeal like at Montreal. So they got two pieces of uniform out of a packed box. The tunic was so large that it went around me twice, and the pants would have been too large for Bandmaster Daly. I had to pin a good foot of the legs inside.

When I got off the boat I had this oversized tunic and pants, a blue civvy hat, black shoes and white shirt and civvy tie on. When Griesbach saw me, he said, this is the first time that I regret my decision.

The night we arrived at Folkestone, I sure was glad it was dark, so no one could see me on that march up to the camp at St. Martin's Plain.

My two regimental numbers were rather extreme. The first time I enlisted on January 4th my number was 32058 and later 33232. I know I was the 58th man to enlist in the first place, and finally ended up the last man to enlist in the regiment.

Anyhow, Norm, the prediction of how long I would last in training overseas fell apart. I never reported sick on a medical parade until March, 1917, in France for some dental work. That was when we were back at training before Vimy Ridge.

If this story of my career in the good old 49th awakens some memories of the old machine gun section and others in the battalion, there it is!

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Darke's Reminiscences

My Dear Arnold, I was looking through my old school Dulwich College War Record (1914-1919). They had 3036 Old Boys who served in H.M. and Allied Forces of whom 506 were killed, died of wounds, or lost at sea. Of the above total 63 fought with the Canadian forces and 33 survived. There were four 49ers—myself and Cpl. J. L. Ward—survived, and appended hereto are the two who were killed with the 49th:

Sergeant **Robert Swaine Salmon** (at the school 1895-1901)—born 15th September, 1883. When at school in the D.C. Volunteer Rifle Corps he was the smartest of the N.C.O.'s. In 1903 he went to Canada, being engaged until 1911 most of the time with the Sturgeon Lake Lumber Coy. He then went to Fort Smith, to help start the Government Indian Agency and Experimental Farm. He did not hear that there was a war in progress until the end of 1914 and it was not till Feb., 1915 that he was able to get away. It took him over two weeks by dog team and sledge to reach Edmonton, where he enlisted with the 51st Cdn. Inf. Battn. and eventually reached England in September, having attained the rank of Corporal. He proceeded to France the following month with the 49th Battalion and strange to say, when up the line for instruction for the first time opposite Messines he met his brother, serving with the 7th Battn in the front line trenches, whom he had not seen for thirteen years. In March, 1917, with the rest of the Canadians he moved North to the Ypres salient, the 49th holding the line round Hooze, and he was killed there on the 4th June, 1917, while leading his platoon in a counter-attack.

Sergeant **Christopher Desmond Murray** (1904-1906) Born the 28th June, 1889. He was in the 1st cricket eleven in 1905 and 1906, winning the average ball the former year. After leaving Dulwich he went to Canada and was engaged in farming at Chigwell, Alberta, for eight years. He joined up in Jan., 1915, and came over with the 2nd Canadian Contingent in Sept., 1915, proceeding to France a month later. He took part in the third battle of Ypres and was present at Sanctuary Wood, on the Somme, and at Vimy Ridge, without receiving a scratch. He had been promised a commission and expected shortly to be sent home on that account. However, on the 28th Oct., 1917, his battalion went back into the line and on the next day they went over the top at Passchendaele. Acting as Company Sergeant-Major he was badly hit and died the following day as he had lived with a smile on his face and a cheery word. He was mentioned in despatches for his work in connection with the Alberta Regiment.

Yours faithfully,

R. H. Darke,

2/201 Bedford Hill, Balham, London, S.W.12
8th September, 1950.

P.S.—Thanks for the 49er received.

A Company

Dear Norman: A niece of George Adkins has very thoughtfully and kindly sent me this notice of his death. I am sending it on to you, for Last Post in the January issue of the Forty Niner. (See Last Post, Editor.)

George was the last of three brothers—Bill, Martin and George, to enlist in the Forty-Ninth Battalion. George came after we were at the Exhibition grounds in Edmonton. All were in the 1st section of No. 1 Platoon, A Company, since their names started with "A". So were my brother

and I. So was Eddie Boon and one other, whose name I do not now recollect.

Eddie Boon married a sister of the Adkin boys, so they were brothers-in-law. The first break came when Bill was killed in the early spring of 1916, while holding the trenches around Sanctuary Woods—I think perhaps late April or early in May. I remember it very well. Next came the June scrap, June 2nd to the 5th. George and Mart got out of that all right, though Mart was killed very shortly thereafter. Two days thereafter, in the absence of Tony Bredon, Sergeant Sharp had me helping out in the Orderly Room and the effects of Mart were gone over prior to burial. In his pocket was a page torn from a notebook, on which he had hurriedly written: "On the Battlefields of Flanders. Goodbye Mother, goodbye all. Mart."

I have often thought of that note; every word was then etched on my mind and has remained there. I asked George years later if his Mother ever received it, and he said "no". This notwithstanding the fact that Colonel Griesbach who saw it, gave orders that more than usual care be taken of the effects.

George was taken out of the line after the death of the second brother, and made the Colonel's groom. He returned to his home in Westlock, but for some years his health has not been good, and now this is the end.

I am quite inadequate to pay tribute to anyone of these three brothers. But this I know, never were there better soldiers, or more upright men. They were indeed a credit to everyone and everything dear to them.

Now and then I heard from George, but recently George has been in and out of hospital. The last letter I had from him, he told me of his meeting with the late Colonel Palmer. And now he (George) too has gone and it does indeed make me feel very sad. He is the last of that section, save my brother and I, as Eddie Boon, who was invalided home, has long since died. And after all, 1914 doesn't seem long ago, and then we were all young and really raring to go.

Au revoir for the present. Meanwhile, I hope that your own health is keeping good. Mine is.

Your old pal,

—I. W. Anderson.

P.S.: I was the youngest in my section, and since I am now 54, I think George must have been at least 56. I believe he was the youngest of the three brothers.

Sailed on Metagama

Nurse Eva Florrie McLean, who went overseas on the same boat as the 49th with a nursing detachment, has written to say she had missed receiving the Forty-Niner, but it was owing to neglect in advising of her change in address. Miss McLean is now living at 23 Howland Ave., Toronto. Her reminiscences of the late General Griesbach and other officers are a source of pride to her as well as her memories of the battalion at Shorncliffe. Her family have given service to the Royal Family at different times, one of her ancestors was Master of Robes for 40 years, and one Donald MacKay was Piper to King Edward VII. While her immediate family were prominent pioneers of Brantford. Her brother was a major in War I and was awarded the M.C. at Arras. He again served in the last war. Well we all wish Sister Mac the best of health and hope her interest will be kept up by again receiving the Forty-Niner.

"On the Town . . . Jack DeLong"

Under dateline Sept. 29th: "My old sidekick Ted Horton writes from Yellowknife about a matter that needs looking into. Ted draws attention to the case of Donald Aiyalik, the heroic Eskimo youth from Cambridge Bay, who received crippling burns rescuing his foster-father. Aiyalik amazed doctors here by recovering from third degree burns over 80 percent of his body surface. Now here's the point Ted Horton draws to my attention. Although the Eskimo has a diploma from the Royal Humane Society of Canada, the Carnegie Hero Trust has withdrawn an endowment because the man he saved was his foster-father. He (Ted Horton) thinks some governmental agency should help out the Eskimo lad and Horton is right as rain."

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Dover "All Clear"

In a (CP) item in a local paper appeared this news: "Five years after the war 'All Clear' will really sound along the white cliffs of Dover. Rusty barbed-wire and anti-invasion ironwork finally is being removed from cliff paths between Margaret's Bay and Dover town.

Correction, Arras Not Ypres

In an item regarding the source of the wood which Sandilands senior used to make the gavel used at association meetings it was stated it came from Ypres, but this should have been Arras Library. Not being able to blame this on a typographical error, we will have to blame the office boy.

Magazine Appreciated

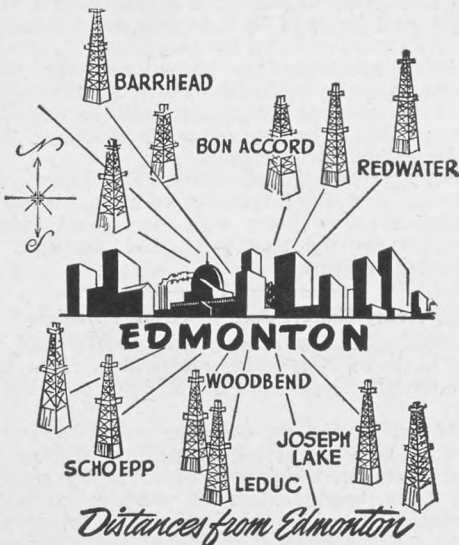
Mrs. Belle Hubbard, Hebron, Nebraska, U.S.A., who lost a relative with the Loyal Eddies in this last war deeply appreciates the Forty-Niner. Mrs. Chas. Devaney, 10218-116 St. also finds pleasure and sorrow in its reading. She was sorry to read of Charlie Mathison's passing.

R.A.F. Train in Canada

Defence Minister Claxton announced last August arrangements had been made for the RCAF to train RAF pilots and navigators in Canada. Potential RAF pilots will arrive in Canada beginning next Jan. 15 in batches of 25 every six weeks and arrangements for navigators are to correspond. The full scheme will provide for training of 200 RAF air crew in 1951.

Mair Elected To Executive

At their Fall election the Alberta Avenue Businessmen's group elected Joseph Mair their secretary-treasurer. Mair is at the Radio Sound Service on 94 street and 118 avenue.



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At Wainwright Camp

The Regiment went to summer camp at Wainwright on July 9th for a three-week period. The first two weeks were spent on basic and advanced training which was followed by a full scale field exercise. All reserve units were formed into a brigade for the exercise and the active force under Capt. Bill Stutt, acted as the enemy. Capt. Stutt was the A. & T. officer with the regiment but is now a Major with the Patricia's of the Special Force.

Training and Recruiting

A serious training and recruiting campaign has been operating since camp. Lieut.-Col. A. F. McDonald, O.B.E., commanding officer, has set up a stiff programme which is being carried out by Major G. H. Field. New recruits are coming in steadily and go through the regular channels of the Personal Selection Officer, Capt. J. Schurman, documentation and the medical officer, Capt. T. S. Wilson.

The training programme includes wireless and first aid instruction together with normal initial training as the first phase. There is a specialist school for 3" mortars and N.C.O.'s school for trained soldiers. Tactical exercises and range firing have been carried out at Winterburn on three Sundays.

Fatigue Party

Our summer camp at Winterburn has received a face lifting. A work party of officers and N.C.O.'s under Major S. G. Rowlatt painted the roof of the Officers Mess and oiled two of the buildings. The work will be finished in the spring.

D Company Inspected

Lt.-Col. McDonald and Lieut. D. M. Rogers inspected "D" Coy at Grande Prairie on Oct. 1st and on Dec. 9th a number of the officers flew to Grande Prairie again to attend "Exercise Huddle" put on by the army cadets from several points in the Peace River Country. The Grande Prairie cadets are affiliated with our unit.

Parade to Cenotaph

The regiment paraded on November 11th under the command of Major G. H. Field. Wreaths were deposited on our unit Memorial Cenotaph on Kingsway and at the city cenotaph.

The final parade of the year on Dec. 21st was in the form of a successful turkey shoot and smoker.

Olsters Rejoin Reserve

The regiment is pleased to have back many officers, N.C.O.'s and men who served previously with the unit and have re-enlisted this year. In addition, nine new young officers and many young recruits have been taken on strength. The regiment is proud of the showing but is still in serious need of more men.

And Special Force

We are proud to have four of our officers serving with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as well as two Edmonton boys who were with the Loyal North Lancs, our affiliated regiment. Jim Stone, Pat Tighe, Owen Browne and Charlie Petrie (son of Dave Petrie) are in Korea together with Vince Lilley (son of Charlie Lilley) and Jack George. Les Grimes who was for some time R.S.M. of the Reserve Unit is now with the Special Force in Korea.

Lieut. Col. Stone has been asked to let us know the names of other Edmonton Regiment men serving with the Patricia's.

Charles A. Petrie

Charlie is another second generation soldier of the 49th. His father, Dave Petrie served prior to the second war and went overseas with the regiment in 1939. As soon as Charlie became of age, he followed his father.

He served with the reserve regiment following the war as a lieutenant and left to join the Special Force under Jim Stone.

Loyal Edmonton Officers Promoted

Three officers of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment — C. E. Bumstead, R. R. Lilley and T. S. Wilson — have been promoted, it was announced in December.

Major Bumstead, formerly captain adjutant, has taken command of "D" company.

Major Bumstead enlisted as a private in the Second Battalion of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment on July 27, 1940. He attended N.C.O. courses and subsequently was promoted to corporal, then sergeant.

In April, 1942, he was commissioned to second lieutenant.

In December, 1942, he was posted to 133CA (B) TC as instructor. He served with that unit until February, 1946.

From March, 1946, until the end of July, 1946, Major Bumstead was administration and accounts officer at A16 C.I.T.C. Currie Barracks.

On his retirement from active service, he rejoined the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and has served as adjutant of the battalion for the past four years.

Capt. Lilley, promoted from lieutenant and named adjutant, is a second generation member of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, son of Major C. W. Lilley.

Capt. Lilley served in Northwest Europe with the First Battalion, Regina Rifle Regiment. He returned to England in 1944 to take his commission at the Royal Military College in Aldershot.

After receiving his commission, he went to Europe to serve with the Fourth Battalion, Regina Rifles. He returned with this unit to Canada.

Capt. Lilley has served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment for 4½ years.

During the Second Great War, Capt. Wilson commanded a field transfusion unit in Northwest Europe. He has been with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment for the past year, and has been posted as medical officer.

225 Army Cadets Join in Grande Prairie Event

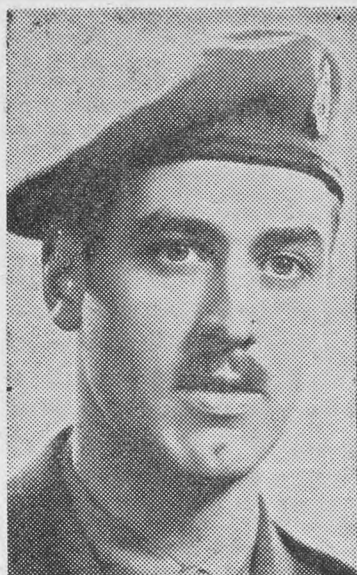
Royal Canadian Army Cadets of Grande Prairie were hosts to instructors and cadets from Beaverlodge, Spirit River and Fort S. John over the weekend.

Object of the get-together was to carry out a cadet exercise consisting of military displays and a social function, which was observed by representatives from headquarters of western command at Edmonton, members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and the general public of the district. More than 700 attended.

More than 225 army cadets and 39 girls took part in the exercise, which commenced Saturday evening with military displays and concluded Sunday with a church parade.

Two displays of precision drill were carried out by Beaverlodge majorettes and Fort St. John school girls. Beaverlodge Cadet Corps, which is sponsored

HARD WORK PAYS OFF WITH PROMOTIONS



Capt. R. R. Lilley



Maj. C. E. Bumstead



Capt. T. S. Wilson

by the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, carried out a rifle drill display. Spirit River Cadet Corps put on a demonstration of first aid. The display by Fort St. John school cadets was a "living working model" of an internal combustion engine.

The cadets formed up to represent a piston within an engine block, and as Cadet Lieut. Tucker explained the functions, the cadets moved to show the gas entering and the complete function of the cylinder in its four-stroke cycle. The employment of a cap pistol by the "sparkplug," small red flags for the ignited gas and blue flags for the exhaust made the display realistic and interesting.

The military portion of the evening was concluded by a Signals operation put on by Grande Prairie Cadet Corps, also sponsored by the Loyal Edmontons. The display showed the use of the wireless No. 19 and No. 58 sets, as well as the field switchboard and telephones. Lieut. G. K. Brattland, signals instructor in Grande Prairie, had the equipment wired to a public address system so everyone could follow the operation.

Each display was commented upon at its termination by Capt. T. F. Moad, training officer for northern Alberta cadets.

Following the military displays an amateur program was put on by the four corps, with Cadet Major V. Rigler as master of ceremonies. A dance followed, with music by the Fort St. John school orchestra, "The Northern Nites." Lunch was served by the Grande Prairie Corps.

Sunday the citizens of Grande Prairie saw the cadet group march to church, led by the Fort St. John School band. The Roman Catholic group under Cadet Lieut. McKinnon proceeded to St. Joseph's Church and the Protestant group marched to St. Paul's United Church, under Major Rigler, Lt.-Col. R. O. Wilks, and Lt.-Col. L. S. Ritza, command chaplains, assisted.

After the services the groups rejoined and marched to The Loyal Edmonton Regiment drill hall, where Major A. F. Muise, command cadet officer,

congratulated the cadets. Major F. G. Pym, chief instructor of Grande Prairie corps, who was the main figure behind the entire exercise, thanked Major Muise.

Others from western command were S/Sgt. R. A. Guterson, Sgt. S. Labrosse, and Cpl. P. J. Tomelin. Representing the Loyal Edmonton Regiment were Major R. W. Hayter, Major J. J. Hunter, Major C. E. D. Bumstead, Capt. J. Hoyle, Capt. W. Oakey, Capt. H. Foster, Capt. R. Lilley, Lieut. D. Rogers and Lieut. G. Nesbitt.

Edmonton Men Join Special Force

A five day recruiting drive has brought in 354 Edmonton applicants for Canada's Special Service Force. Local Army officials announced this during last August. Alberta's total of enlisted men and those in the process at Calgary's Currie Barracks then totalled 228. Latest reports of that time show that 8,700 had volunteered for enlistment. Estimated strength of the new brigade would number 4,000 or 5,000.

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R. J. Pratley, 9728 106 St., sent along the following which he had received from Col. Louis Scott, now living in London: "Had lunch yesterday at a 'pub' called the 'Horse and Dolphin' in St. Martins Street near C.M.H.Q. when I discovered on 'bellying up' to the bar that I was about to sit on a stool with an engraved plate on the seat. I looked closely at it and to my great astonishment saw it bore the name of Brig. E. B. Wilson, Loyal Edmonton Regiment. All the stools had similar plates—many being Canadian. As well as the stools, name plates in two rows, about $\frac{3}{4}$ " by $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (brass), were securely fastened along the full length of the bar, and amongst these I noticed Capt. Weville, L.E.R., Lt. Col. Yates, P.P.C.L.I., Lt. Col. Choate, R.C.E., and others." Col. Scott's Address, 32 Putney Hill, Putney, London, SW. 15.

St. Bernard Mascot Dying

Pte. Wallace, regimental number K57000, Second Great War veteran was reported dying last November in a (CP) dispatch from Victoria, B.C. He is the mascot of the Canadian Scottish first battalion overseas.

Honorary Colonel Visits Edmonton

James C. Thompson, who served with H.Q. of the 49th was a visitor in Edmonton last July to the Alberta branch of the his accounting firm. He was former provincial auditor here and installed the Alberta system in 1923 and now is engaged in organizing a similar system for our newest province of Newfoundland. Honorary Colonel of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, James renewed old friendships here.

Celebrates 96th Birthday

To celebrate her 96th birthday last July, Miss Margaret Currie received a few friends at tea at the home of her nephew Mr. E. F. Guest and Mrs. Guest where she is living. Miss Currie who has never owned a pair of glasses, does a great deal of knitting, crocheting, embroidery and tatting. Formerly a member of Knox United Church, she is still very interested in the group work. Fred Guest served in the 49th and also in the R.C.A.F. in War 2.

Frank Lunn Poll Clerk

In a photo in the "Bulletin" last November Civic election in Edmonton, was shown Frank Lunn, D company, 49th machine gunner, taking the vote of Stan Quinn in the Royal Alexandra Hospital. More than 100 patients at the hospital were qualified to vote.

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Legion Memorial Honours Fallen

A book of Remembrance has been placed on permanent display in the Canadian Legion memorial building in Montreal. Inscribed with close to 12,000 names, the honour roll of the province of Quebec in two world wars, the Book will rest in a glass case, and one of the book's 293 pages will be turned each day by the war veteran and pensioner who will be in charge of the room.

Battle of Britain Services

Edmonton Airmen joined thousands across Canada Sunday, Sept. 17, in services commemorating the work of Canadian and British airmen who fought in the Battle of Britain 10 years ago.

Loyal Eddies Band Entertains

As part of Army week observances, members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment band entertained Edmonton citizens at Jasper and 101 St., Tuesday, Sept. 19. The band of Edmonton's crack infantry unit is under the direction of Sgt. Major J. M. Jacknisky.

Decoration Service

The 1,700 graves in the soldiers' plot at the Edmonton cemetery were decorated Sunday, August 27th. This annual ceremony is held under the auspices of the Edmonton Canadian Legion branches.

Veterans Draw Credits

During the month ending Aug. 20, Edmonton and District war veterans claimed \$43,152 in re-establishment credits to bring the total credit disbursements since the war's end to \$8,612,276. Still left to be claimed at that time, \$4,121,002.

RCAF and RCN in Korea

It was announced last October the RCAF had 12 planes operating on the Korean airlift from Tacoma, Wash., to Tokyo. Wing Commander C. H. Mussells, commander of 426 Squadron who himself is flying with the airlift, said that in the 50 round trips made so far, the Canadian transports had carried 1,700 troops to Japan.

Last September Canada's sailors had been engaged both with their naval guns and in attacks on shore with the North Korean Communists. In a dispatch to naval headquarters, Lieut. Albert J. Plosz, information officer with the destroyer Athabaskan, said the destroyer blasted enemy installations and 200 troops at Taechon.

Black Watch Memorial

A memorial tablet to the memory of 693 members of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, was unveiled at St. Andre-sur-Orne, France, last October. Lt.-Col. V. I. Traversy, who led the 1st battalion of the regiment overseas, dedicated the memorial.

War I Doctor Dies

Maj.-Gen. Guy Carleton Jones, director-general of the Canadian medical services from 1906 to 1917, died in Edinburgh. He was 85. Jones, a native of Halifax, directed the medical services of the Canadian Expeditionary forces during the First World War.



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Frank Lanston gets great reception from war day pals. Seated: F. Lanston; from left to right: Harry Smith, J. H. Sandilands, Husky Ledingham, Jack Horner, F. Butler, Dan Gilchrist, and Ronnie Arthurs.

Success of the 25th annual picnic was more than assured when good weather, and 600 large and small 49ers met on Sunday, July 23. Starting at the market square, the parade marched to the Cenotaph, where tribute was paid fallen comrades, and a wreath placed in their memory. H/Maj. Edgar Bailey led the prayers at the Cenotaph. With the Regiment's Band leading, the parade marched back to the Square. En route, at the corner of 101st street the salute was taken by Hon. J. J. Bowlen, lieutenant governor of Alberta. With him at the saluting base were Jim Jefferson, and Mayor Sid Parsons. Sid Parsons being on the saluting base was something new. For the past many years he has been parade sergeant major, a job he was unable to assume this year as he had just been released from hospital after a lengthy illness.

From the square endless streams of cars, and buses, loaded to the roof, pulled out for Winterburn. On arrival a drum head service was held by Major Bailey. Following the service lunch baskets popped into sight, and many were the small tummies that took on the appearance of fully matured ones. John Michaels augmented any short supplies at his better than ever refreshment booth, with hot dogs, pop, milk, and many other things so necessary to round out the day, and tummies, of the little ones.

In view of the terrific heat it was necessary of course to have a few bottles of amber fluid on hand to satiate the thirsts of the would be adult athletes on the field. With the result several were tempted to enter various events overlooking the fact it had been many years since they did their battle drill training, while others decided the remedy for the heat was better than galloping around the race course.

The various events went off like clockwork, and everybody enjoyed themselves immensely, outstanding for their athletic ability were the following:

49th Picnic Events

Starter—Art McCormick; Finish—Alex McCallum; Judges, (1) F. E. J. Hancock; (2) J. Ferguson.

Boys 6 and under—1. Jimmy Smith; 2. Brian Turner; 3. Jimmy Elliot.

Girls 6 and under—1. Barbara Rowlatt; 2. Nancy Smith; 3. Jean Smith.

Boys 9 and under—1. Larry Teflyk; 2. Jack Johnston; 3. Jimmy Smith.

Girls 9 and under—1. Phyllis Drew; 2. Beverley Rowlatt; 3. Carol Wennerstrom.

Boys under 12—1. Billy Frith; 2. Wayne Knight; 3. Harold Criss.

Girls under 12—1. Joyce Lees; 2. Marlene Moisey; 3. Lucille Paquette.

Boys 15 and under—1. Herb Walford; 2. Charles Poulton; 3. Vincent Powell.

Girls 15 and under—1. Phyllis Drew; 2. Margaret Sudsbury; 3. Beverley Rowlatt.

Men's 100 yd. dash—1. W. D. Smith; 2. A. McCormick; 3. S. Moisey.

Sack Race—1. Joan Hagen; 2. Herb Walford; 3. Margaret Sudsbury.

Married Women—1. Mrs. R. Green; 2. Mrs. G. A. Parker; 3. Mrs. A. Todd.

Three-Legged open—1. Cooper and Dechant; 2. Scott and Charington; 3. Smith and Todd.

Tug-O'-War—A coy. defeated H.Q. coy. B coy defeated C coy. In 2 out of 3 pulls A coy. defeated B coy. A coy.—A Cheshire, coach; C. Scramstead, captain; S. Bloomberg, J. Deschant, V. McGie, V. McCoy, R. Marshall, R. Williams, M. Kruper.

Horseback—1. Farrel and Russel; McCormick and McCormick (tied); 3. Smith and Clement.

Horseback—1. Cooper and Cooper; 2. Smith and Smith; 3. Rosenthal and Hosak.

Youngest Baby Girl—Charlotte Mae Aslin (age 6 weeks).

Youngest Baby Boy—John Langley (3 months, 1 day).

Largest Family—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craig (8).

As all good things must end, old father time dictated that many small nippers were due for sandman attention, and as the trail back to town was a little more arduous returning than coming, picnic hampers, wives, and kiddies without further ado, were reloaded into the vehicles, and Finis was written, to one of the finest picnics in the association's history. Remember if you are within a radius of anything less than 2,000 miles, you must attend next year's picnic. This is a MUST.

Frank Langton, who came to us from the 51st on the first draft at Shorncliffe, and served with A company, was popularly known as the "Almighty Dollar" from his popular recitation of that name. After many years Frank turned up at our picnic last July, but we were very sorry to see how his war wounds still were affecting him. We hope the change to the Coast will work wonders with him. A letter received says they, Frank and wife, have comfortably settled at Box 528, R.R.1, Royal Oak, V.I., B.C. They were able to renew old acquaintances having lived around those parts before going to the prairies. Frank was very severely wounded at "Charing Cross" in the June scrap, and spent a long time in hospital at Leicester, where his buoyant nature had his sidekick Le Petite Sergeant Major in numerous quandaries. (See photo in church parade item.)

Served Alongside Eddies

Replacing Col. E. C. Brown, O.B.E., E.D., as chief of staff at H.Q., Western Command is Col. R. M. Bishop, O.B.E., E.D., formerly of Ottawa. Col. Bishop said he was looking forward to his tour of duty here. As an artilleryman, he served in the same brigade as the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Italy.

Insurance Needed

Fire caused by an overheated oil heater gutted a wooden garage owned by Miles Palmer, at the rear of 10540 126 street early one November morning. Miles discovered the blaze and managed to get his 1946 auto out of the garage. Car was blistered by the flames, so was Miles but not by flames.

Canadians Buried Overseas

Canada's 100,000 war graves in Europe are a great and touching monument to her record and her intentions in the face of aggression, Holland's war secretary Fockema-Andrae told the cadets of Royal Military College, Kingston, last November when he addressed them in Currie Hall.

King's Colours Laid By

For the last time the Indian Army Nov. 23 carried the King's Colours, presented by various British monarchs to famous Indian regiments. At Dehradun National Defence Academy, 36 colours were laid-up at a ceremony attended by Sir Archibald Nye, British High Commissioner. After a ceremonial parade the colours were marched off, to the strains of "God Save The King" and "Auld Lang Syne", into the academy.



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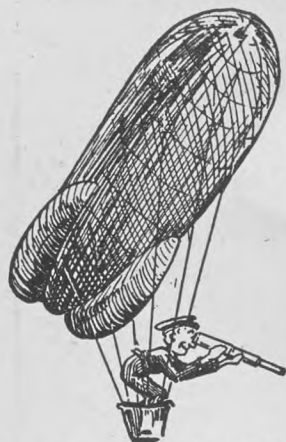
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Where Is My Wandering Boy?



Harry Botel, "Bo", 370 Home St., Winnipeg, says, "Having just seen the picture of George Gleave attending the Legion Convention here in Winnipeg reminded me I had better write you. It is some years since I attended a reunion, so I would like to take this opportunity of sending greetings to all my old friends in Edmonton and other points." Bo is in the Railway Mail Service

between the 'Peg and Moose Jaw, and thinking of retiring. He made a trip to the Coast this summer to look things over. It was a pleasant visit for he saw **A. G. Rowland, C. K. MacKenzie, Pinky Blows** and others. He left feeling if he did settle there he would be among friends. Pinky Blows whose last mailing address we had was Petersfield, Man., is now at 2133 Bose Road, near Cloverdale, B.C. Thanks for his address, **Bo. Harry Green**, company clerk with D company is still in the coal business there. Harry wishes to be remembered to all his friends. How about a word Harry. Harry came to the 49th just in time to march into the June Scrap. What a "breaking in" to be broken up!

Ivan L. Tanner, "Sixpence". No. 447409, of the 56th Cow Town (I beg yours, Calgary). Half-a-Bob enlisted August 13, 1915, at the age of 15. Came to the Quarante Neufs June 1st, 1916. (This would be the same time as Harry Green, mentioned in Bo's item, Editor), 8 platoon, B company, gave him his "parritch". Tanner was discharged May 18, 1919 after 3 years and 9 months. Is now a cab driver and lives at 2423 C.N. 1st St. Milwaukee, Wis., U.S.A. Born in Halifax, N.S. It is of interest how contact was gained with Ivan: Jimmy Graham, a member of the Edmonton City Fire Dept., was at a convention of the Firefighters International in Milwaukee this last fall and getting into a taxi happened on Tanner and so gave Graham his address after finding out he was from Edmonton. He would appreciate hearing from any members who knew him and hopes some day in the future to visit here.

This is what Tanner thought of the General: "My favourite memory of the 'Grand Old Man' then Colonel Griesbach. We had come out of the line and had billeted in a leaky barn and it was raining, a junior officer of the day came in (in the dark) and asked if we were comfortable. He got the answer he should have expected. He reported it to 'Billy' Griesbach. 'Billy' told him, 'You're lucky! I stopped in and asked them the same question, but I was kidding them. You should have heard what they called me.'"

Bob Summersgill of the 1st Bn. Loyal Eddies was re-elected president of the Patricia Lawn Bowling Club at their annual meeting held on Thursday, Oct. 12th.

J. W. Wigham, C company, 49th was named winner of a year-long sales contest for Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. He spent a week in Chicago as guest of the company. He competed with approximately

2,500 other salesmen and was one of 100 other winners from all parts of Canada and the United States.

John Sheppard, 2621813, 20 Maple Road, Horfield, Bristol, 7, although 66 years of age says he is not too bad, but feels one or two disabilities are giving a spot of trouble. One injury in the foot he received at "Crucifix Dump" in 1917. Sheppard also brings up a point that has been mentioned by others, and that is the matter of the Veterans Allowance, being made to men who took up residence in other countries. There is a good deal of merit in this, and as the Imperial Veterans have now been (and rightly) recognized, it should be an easier matter to have a reciprocal agreement with the U.K. government in this matter. I hope the sickness of his younger child has cleared up before this, and the rest of the family keep fit. Thanks for the appreciation of the magazine.

John M. Robertson, Pipe Major with the Perpetuating unit, now of "Straun", Shawnigan Lake, V.I., B.C., sent along a substantial monetary appreciation for the magazine. John says, "The Forty-Niner comes to me all the time, and I find the news and articles in it very interesting. I was over in Vancouver attending the Highland Gathering in August and met many Edmonton folk who were on holiday. I spent most of the day and all evening until the boat sailed at midnight with Felix McPherson. We had a fine time and talked a lot about old times, and we hope to meet again next year." (Felix passed away in November, see Last Post). John sends his greeting to all his friends.

George Branton, Steady D, Ryde, Nr. Sydney, Australia, still eagerly awaits the 49er and wishes to be remembered to all his pals. He thinks they are getting scarce now. Father Time is taking his toll. He hadn't heard from Teddy Locke for some time, but we hope George has had word from him since writing here. Best of luck George, and keep smiling.

Cyril Benning, No. 100348, enlisted in the 66th, July, 1915, at the age of 17. He came to the 49th in June, 1916, and served with 6 platoon, B company. During his service he lost his left eye. Discharged on February 28th, 1919, after 3 years and 7 months service. Is now a shoe repairer. Home address, 6257 W. Boulevard, Vancouver.

Colin Drummond, No. 433067, enlisted in the 49th March, 1915, at the age of 38. He saw action with 9 platoon, C company, and was wounded in the groin and right hip at Amiens, August 14th, 1918. Total service, on discharge 19th March, 1919, 4 years. Occupation, joiner. Residence, 1361-E 20th Ave, Vancouver. His family consists of 4 daughters, 3 married and one single.

John Georgelin, No. M15901, enlisted in the 1st Bn. L.E.R., 19th Sept., 1939, and served with 15 platoon, C company. Returned to civvy street on the 30th December, 1946, with 7 years and 4 months service. Employed in the civil service. Address, 2443 Florence St., Victoria, B.C. Married.

J. A. Hedley, Irma, Alta., keeps in touch with H.Q. and is hoping to be up in Edmonton for the "doings" in January. We hope to see you then J.A., and watch your step, be careful no one "punches" you too much.

Pat Ford, 432129, Sgt. of A company, is still at Medicine Hat and lives at 909 Second street. Pat was glad to read the picnic went off so nicely and is sorry that distance prevents him being along, but is still intending to make it some day. We are glad things are going nicely with you, Pat, as we know you must be getting along in years.

E. H. Gough, 432377, A company, living in Blighty at 188 High street, Herne Bay, Kent, England, is a fairly regular writer to H.Q. He still has a soft part in his heart for Canada, and feels if he had it all to go over again he would like nothing better than to be in Canada. This last summer he had a visit with Adam Mason and their wives to Canon Ball one afternoon. They were met at the station by the Canon in his car and taken for a lovely drive towards his home which is situated on a hill amid delightful surroundings. Mrs. Ball was very charming and made their visit a very enjoyable one. They were able to recall many of their old comrades, both officers and men, and also interesting happenings of their service. Ernie intends to rectify an omission in not taking a picture of their re-union when opportunity next presents. Faversham Church was visited where the Canon was formerly vicar, and also his present church Doddington. We hope they can have many of these pleasant meetings. Ernie is now the proud granddaddy of another granddaughter.

Weir Edmondson, Ste. 9, Lyndhurst Apts., 181 Balmoral Street, Winnipeg, was anxious to secure a 49th crest for his blazer. Being a lucky fellow he wrote in time to get the last one. Major Flowers of the Reserve Bn. Loyals very kindly donated this to Weir as a gesture of friendship from the regiment.

D. J. Watson, former F.O.O. 3rd Field Regiment, R.C.A. thanks the association for the excellent copy of the Forty-Niner received last August, and is grateful for the privilege of being on our mailing list, and shows it with a donation. Thanks! Watson continues: "While I was never fortunate enough to belong directly to the regiment I fired many thousands of rounds of artillery shells in their support and was made an honorary member of the mess by the famous Lt. Col. J. R. Stone, in spite of the fact that Army Armstrong and Ted Day claim that I landed as many rounds among their troops as I did among the enemy. Believe me, I thoroughly enjoy every copy of your magazine and read it from cover to cover. Please pass on my regards to all the old sweats and tell Brig. Jefferson, Ed Pritchard, Jack Snell, etc, that when they are ready to fight another Battle of 736 I shall be glad to support them." Watson is a fuel dealer at P.O. Box 136, Pincher Creek, Alta.

Captain E. B. Titus, who served with B company from March to August, 1918, was wounded at Amiens, August 8th, 1918, is a lawyer by profession and lives at 101 Riverview Drive, Toronto, 12, Ontario. George E. Gleave met Titus when he was down East last fall and forwarded this information and also dues for our friend. He has been receiving the magazine regularly and is very pleased he is not forgotten as each issue comes out.

George E. Goode, No. 808170, enlisted in the 137th, Jan. 1916, at the age of 26 and served with C company, 137th. D company, 49th, received him in December, 1916. He suffered a gun shot wound. Discharged, Nov. 17, 1918. Occupied as watchman. Home at 1436 Edinburgh St., New Westminster, B.C. Family, two girls, 36, 23; 1 boy, 38.



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In ever living memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 49th Battalion, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, who were killed in action, or died of wounds received in Belgium and France during 1914 to 1918, also those in the Mediterranean area and Europe areas 1939-1945; and to those who have since passed on, mainly due to the ravages of war service.

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Mrs. W. A. Griesbach

Funeral services for Mrs. Janet Scott McDonald Griesbach, widow of General W. A. Griesbach, were held at All Saints Cathedral Wednesday, Nov. 1st. Rt. Rev. W. F. Barfoot, Anglican Bishop of Edmonton, and Very Rev. J. Grant Sparling, dean of Edmonton, officiated. Burial took place at the family plot in the Edmonton Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Chief Justice O'Connor, Mr. Justice Frank Ford; Brig. J. C. Jefferson; Brig. E. B. Wilson; Col. F. C. Jamieson; Col. G. D. K. Kinnaird; Lt.-Col. W. G. Stillman; A. W. Ormsby. Active pallbearers were Lt.-Col. W. T. Cromb; Fire Capt. A. J. G. Lauder; J. M. Robinson, D. M. Ramsay, J. J. Blewett and J. Barford.

Mrs. Griesbach died in Edmonton Sunday, Oct. 29th. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. A. W. Ormsby and a number of nieces and nephews. Her brother, the late Tommy Lauder, one time Fire Chief at Edmonton, died a few years ago.

Mrs. Griesbach's association with the Regiment goes back to its inception and there was nothing which she would not do to further the interests of any of its members. In the Exhibition days when we were getting our feet wet, Mrs. Griesbach and other patriotic women were busy making arrangements for the providing of our colors, and many a family of the men was helped and given advice in their affairs. Overseas it was her pleasure to look up and have call on her men, sick or on leave, and make their days more pleasant. This interest was maintained during, between and after both World Wars.

It was a pleasure for the Executive of the association when their meetings could be held at the Griesbach's, for the atmosphere was always genial and friendly. So great was her Regimental esprit de corps that she attended the picnic this summer when it must have been a great ordeal for her.

We know that in her passing we have suffered a deep loss, but have always the example of the family of Griesbach to look to for guidance in carrying on.

Under the letterhead of The Supreme Court of Alberta, The Chief Justice's Chambers, Edmonton, and dated November 2nd, 1950, the following was received by Brigadier General Jefferson:

"Dear Sir: Many members of the 49th Battalion Association attended Mrs. Griesbach's funeral. On behalf of Mrs. Griesbach's sister (Mrs. Ormsby) her nieces, nephews and myself, I would ask you to convey to the Association our thanks. (Signed) Yours sincerely—G. B. O'Connor."

William Craig

Funeral Services were held August 10th from the chapel of Harron Bros Ltd., North Vancouver, with Revs. William Stott and A. Patterson officiating, for William Craig who passed away very suddenly August 7th at his home, 454 East 9th Street, at the age of 57 years, with committal in Lawn Section, North Vancouver Cemetery. The large number of friends and business associates attending the funeral testified to the high esteem in which comrade Craig was held in the community. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; two daughters, Dorothy and Margaret, and two sons, Alan B. and William H. at home. Comrade Craig served in World War I with the 49th Battalion, C.E.F. Messrs. Bowling Jr. and Rowland attended the funeral on behalf of the Association. The floral tributes included one from our members. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

George Edward Thompson

Thompson, George Edward, passed peacefully away in Shaughnessy Hospital, on July 9th, 1950. He is survived by his loving wife Annie; 1 daughter, Gladys in London, England; 1 sister, Mrs. H. W. Dakin of Vancouver. Service was held in Georgia Chapel, July 12th. Rev. F. A. Ramsey officiating. Comrades J. J. Blewett, R. McBratney and J. Bowling attended for the Association. Mrs. Thompson forwarded the obituary notice with her letter: "Just received the magazine Forty-Niner addressed to George Edward Thompson, 432499, 49th Bn. This is to let you know he passed away July 9th, 1950. He always looked forward to getting the Forty-Niner and enjoyed reading it." We are sorry to hear of George's passing and offer our condolences to the family. If memory serves the writer correctly George was one of those who made the name of B company respected as the home of great soldiers.

Felix Albert MacPherson, No. 432020

The many friends of Felix Albert MacPherson will be shocked to hear of his death which took place November 20th at the age of 51 years, in the Vancouver General Hospital. "Mac" will be affectionately remembered as one of those daring young boys who wangled their way into the Army at a very tender age and made good. After the Battalion landed in France, he transferred to the P.P.C.L.I. where he played in the Pipe Band and upon returning to Canada, he joined the 72nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver and held the rank of Drum Major for a number of years. In World War II he served with the R.C.A.F. in which he attained the rank of Flight Lieutenant. Mac was a faithful and popular member of our Association and was on the Executive this year. We shall miss him indeed. Funeral Services were held November 23rd from Mount Pleasant Undertaking Chapel, Kingsway at 11th Avenue, conducted by King George Lodge No. 129, A.F.&A.M., with interment in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. He is survived by one son, Robert E. at home, and one brother Lorne J. of Ladner, B.C. His wife passed away last January. The sympathy of our members is extended to the bereaved. Amongst the floral tributes received was a wreath from our Association. Comrades J. Bowling, C. W. A. Dawes, J. Peterson, A. G. Rowland attended the funeral.

William Frederick

Funeral services for William Frederick, late of 649 No. 7 Road, Lulu Island, who passed away October 26th at the age of 62 years, were held October 28th from Heather Chapel of Harold Edwards Ltd., West Broadway. Rev. G. Turpin officiating, with interment in the Field of Honour, Mountain View Cemetery. Comrade Frederick served overseas in World War I with the 49th Battalion, C.E.F. He is survived by five sisters and one brother to whom we extend our sympathy.

Harvey Mitchell Bennett, 432850

Funeral services for Harvey Bennett of Viking, Alberta, who passed away October 11th, aged 57 years, were held on Friday, Oct. 13th. Rev. E. H. Birdsall officiated, assisted by Rev. D. K. Allan. Interment took place in the Edmonton Cemetery. He is survived by his wife; one son Richard of Viking, Alta.; one daughter, Edmonton; one brother and four sisters. Harvey served in C company and was an able and well liked member of the battalion. He was latterly C.N.R. station agent at Viking. Harvey was in hospital in Edmonton at the time of his death. Born in Smiths Falls, Ontario, Harvey came west to Lamont in 1907, joining the railroad service shortly after.

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George Leslie Adkins, 433085

At the Veterans' Hospital, Victoria, B.C. on Oct. 3rd, George Adkins of 927 Dale Street, Victoria passed away in his 62nd year. He was born in Oxfordshire, England, and was a former resident of Westlock, Alta. He was buried in Royal Oak Burial Park on Friday, Oct. 6th. Rev. W. R. Ashford officiated. Frank R. Hasse, writes: "I am writing to let you know that another one of the Old Brigade, George Adkins, has passed on. I served with George in "A" company and, later on, in the Transport. At Bruay in '17 before the Vimy Show, we were billeted for six happy weeks with a French family. George in his quiet way and no doubt quite unconscious of the fact, did as much as anyone to build up and maintain the esprit de corps of the old Regiment. I saw Charlie Travers at the funeral and had a chat with him afterwards. He is looking well and spry." Inar W. Anderson's kind words are in the "Do You Remember" column. (Editor).

Magazine Returned Marked Deceased

It is with sorrow we record the passing of these our members. Unfortunately our records carry no information regarding their service with the unit: D. L. Martin, Tottenham, Ontario; P. A. Seigo, 252847, Fife Lake, Sask.; Mr. L. D. Harvey, Canadian Ex-Servicemen's Association (Great Britain), 128 Ashburnham Road, Hastings, Sussex, England. Harvey died on the 21st of May. He had worked hard in the formation of the association over in Britain and had been in regular communication with us giving us news of interest to Canadians here. He had lived in Alberta and served overseas with the C.M.R.'s in War I.

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Do not forget the Advertisers when making your purchase as the "sinews of war" are mainly received through their patronage.

**Charles Addington Walker, 433213**

The funeral service for Charley Walker was held on Tuesday, July 25th, at St. Mark's Anglican Church, High Prairie, the Rev. R. A. S. Currie officiated. The entire business section of the town closed in memory and to pay their last respects to our well loved friend. Many Indians showed their sorrow to one who had been a real friend to them. At the time of his death Charley was postmaster of High Prairie. He was born at Darjeeling, Assam, India, May 8, 1885. In 1903 he entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company and was a clerk at Wabasca Post until 1911, when he became manager. From 1912 to 1915 he was manager of a post at Grouard. He enlisted as a private in the 49th in May, 1915, and served with the battalion on through the whole campaign. Promoted at intervals until commissioned and later rose to captain. He was recognized for work in the field and received the DCM. In 1920 he was in the service of the City of Edmonton but later returned to the H.B.C. In 1930 he entered business at High Prairie as a general merchant, and postmaster in the town from 1947. During the last war he volunteered his services and was at various training establishments in Alberta. Charley is survived by his wife, eight children and 14 grandchildren.

(Attending the postmasters convention at Calgary last June, he visited Banff where the writer met him and had the pleasure of a trip to Lake Louise, little dreaming this would be their last meeting.)

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William James Greene

Funeral services for Mr. Green of 9131 118 Avenue, were held at St. Stephen's Anglican Church on August 19, Canon C. E. F. Wolfe, assisted by Rev. L. M. Watts, officiated and interment was in the Edmonton Cemetery. Besides his loving wife he leaves three sons and one daughter, several grandchildren, one sister and two brothers in England. Two of the sons were in the 1st Bn. Archibald James, Rome, Italy, was an officer in the 1st Bn.

John Sebastian Hegler (Sib) Morrison

Funeral services were held for Mr. Morrison of 10247 149th Street, on Thursday, Oct. 26th. Rev. Canon E. S. Ottley and Rev. George Kelley officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton Cemetery. He is survived by his loving wife, three daughters, one brother, Byron who served with D company, 49th and was wounded at Passchendaele.

H. O. Harper

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 23rd, for H. O. Harper, 52, principal of Cadomin High School for the past 23 years. During the second great war he organized the Cadomin Cadet Corps. Mr. Harper rose to the rank of Major in the 49th Reserve Battalion.

Mrs. Emma Jane Booker

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 27th, for Mrs. Booker of 10760 79 Avenue who passed away at the age of 83 years. The service was held at St. John's Anglican Church. Rev. W. E. Harrison officiated and interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. She is survived by one son Thomas E. Booker, of Edson and one sister in Withersea, England. Tom served in the 49th.

Mrs. Fanny Marshall

Funeral services for Mrs. Fanny Marshall of 10813 123rd St. were held on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at Christ Church. Rev. E. S. Ottley officiated and committal made in the Edmonton Mausoleum. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. G. G. Blewett, two granddaughters, Mrs. P. Chounard of Calgary and Mrs. W. Young of Edmonton, one grandson, Allan Blewett.

Mrs. Jessie Janet Robbie

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Robbie of 11211 71 street who passed away on July 17th, were held on Tuesday, July 20th. Rev. F. Samis officiated and interment was made in the Mount Pleasant cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss her loving husband, one daughter, Jean of Edmonton, one granddaughter, Dorothy June Robbie, one son, F/O Ian Robbie predeceased her in 1944. Robbie Sr. served in the band of the 49th.

Albert Worton

Funeral services for Albert Worton, of Red Deer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Worton, 11015 83 street who passed away July 20th, were held at Red Deer, with Rev. Lang officiating. Interment took place in Red Deer cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss his father and mother, 2 brothers, Thomas and William, all of Edmonton.

Joanne Susan Whyte

Funeral services for Joanne Susan Whyte of Jasper, who passed away on Sept. 29 in Edmonton at the age of six months were held at Foster and McGarvey Funeral Home. Interment was made in the Jasper Cemetery where Rev. I. McKay officiated at the Graveside service. One of her grandparents is Bob Whyte, of C company.

George Currey

Funeral services for the late George Currey, of Edmonton, were held Nov. 14. Dr. Edmund J. Thompson assisted by Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery. Mr. Currey is survived by five sons, three daughters, and one sister in England. Born at Seaham, Durham County, England, Mr. Currey came to Canada in 1906 with his wife and family of eight. They settled in the Clearwater district near Leduc. One son Ernest served in the 49th.

Delayed Action Of Bullet

London, Sept. 27—(AP)—When 59-year-old James Barrow, a laborer and one-time boxer, died last week, a bullet was found in one of his kidneys. The coroner ruled that death was caused by the bullet, a German rifle shell which wounded Barrow during the First World War.

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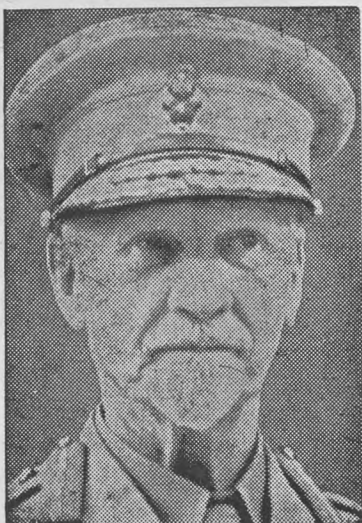
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David Heron, No. 811421, the 138th nabbed him on Nov. 1915 at the age of 18. Posted to the 49th in Nov. 1916 to 2 platoon, A company. Was wounded at Vimy. Discharged, March 19, 1919 with 3 years and 5 months service. Now a carman, C.N.R. Address, 112 Granville St., New Westminster, B.C.

U.S. Magazine Reader

E. L. Winter, 15494 Westbrook, Detroit, Michigan who served with the mush eaters of B company, 49th, sent along a donation of American dollars to ease the shortage of mazuma here. Winter keeps in touch with us about as regularly as "Old Man Winter" does. We wish him the "good luck" he sends along to old friends.

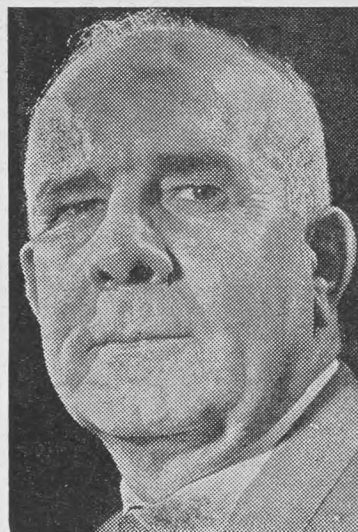
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**Mayor Sid Parsons On Sick Leave**

Mayor Parsons was granted three months leave of absence to enable him to go to Arizona to recover his health. The Mayor has suffered this year from an asthmatic condition and was medically advised to go South for the winter. All our members hope that the rest in a southern climate will result in a return to good health.

Jefferson Presides

Business sessions at the annual convention of the Canadian Infantry Association held in Saint John, N.B., last September had delegates present from all 10 provinces. The association president Brig. J. C. Jefferson, presided.

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KING GEORGE V AND QUEEN MARY AMONG COLONIALS AT WARTIME LONDON CLUB

Many of us can recall that low-spirited mood at the near close of a furlough. You have enjoyed a good six days leave in Britain and have little left to look forward to but a couple of day's rest, sobriety and that trip across the Channel back to the line. It was a depressing time to be sure.

As I said so long to my pal of six days, an air force chap, at Euston station, my heart was a bit lumpy; I could not retain that old "san fairy Ann" spirit, so turned my sights toward that great haven during World War One—the King George and Queen Mary Victoria League Club.

Among all the clubs in London that Canadians were privileged to frequent, the above named, just off Piccadilly Circus, is the one that stands out most vividly in my memory. It was in a spacious old mansion which had probably been the former London house of some Victorian nobleman. The appointments were arranged to admirably serve as a meeting place where Colonials might foregather. This club was in charge of titled ladies who chose this means of busying themselves in the war effort.

If they could not fend for themselves, many young soldiers, strangers to London, were cheered, mothered and consoled by the kindly gentlewomen hostesses. It was both natural and expedient then that one day during Easter week in 1916, when on leave from France, I should make my way to the King George and Queen Mary Club after bidding good bye to my air force companion. As I musedly sauntered down Shaftsbury Avenue, low in spirits, and looking for something new and interesting, the experience that followed was more so than one could expect.

As the courtyard enclosure to the building was entered, a glistening limousine stood at the main entrance. A number of frock-coated gentlemen and several severely attired ladies had already alighted, and, as I waited, I thought they were a little too slow for me in their movement. For more reasons than one, I was in a hurry. After they entered the hallway, I walked past the party of some five or six in the wide corridor on my way to the washroom, where an Australian told me that the King and Queen were expected any moment.

Not wishing to miss anything, I went to the glass panelled door to look into the main lounge room where I saw the King and his party starting to make the inspection. Attaching myself to the end of the line of men in uniform, I stood next to a gentleman who turned out to be one of the King's equerries. He had probably been told to mix with and to talk to the boys to make them feel more at ease. A most interesting half hour's talk followed, during which time Their Majesties made their rounds of the rooms.

With some misgivings as to what he might say, I told the equerry about my haste in unknowingly passing the royal party in the hallway.

"Oh," said he, "was that you? But think nothing of it. His Majesty would not mind."

By this rejoinder, I knew that my rudeness had not gone unnoticed.

Their Majesties first inspected the billiard and reading rooms, following which they began conversing in turn with the twenty-odd Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans, also a lone Newfoundlander, all of whom were in line ahead of me.

The third man from the end was a young

Australian with an empty sleeve and, as the Queen approached him, the King being ahead having already passed, we were eager to follow what was being said. The Queen questioned the Aussie as to where he had lost his arm.

"On the Peninsula, Your Majesty," was his respectful reply.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," the Queen said sweetly, "but I shall see that you are provided with an artificial arm as a gift from me."

The King, but a pace ahead, turned and, as if to show that he was not to be excluded, said, "The gift will come from both of us."

The remark from the King was in no reproachful tone or mood, albeit one could tell by the expression on Queen Mary's face that this intrusion on her idea was not altogether to her liking.

On my immediate right stood a South African sergeant who was asked by the King what campaign or theatre of war he had taken part in. The sergeant's reply was that he had fought in General Botha's army in West Africa and had been invalided to England.

"General Botha did very well," replied the King, "and I am told that General Smuts will soon be through in East Africa."

What struck one was the casual manner in which His Majesty said, "I am told", in much the same way as someone might speak of as "They say". Here was the King of the British Empire, conversing with one of his Colonial subjects, as if he knew no more about what progress was being made in the South African war than we did.

The sergeant was a tough, burly customer, perhaps a miner or a farmer in civilian life. He was coolly respectful, without rudeness, but not obsequious either, in the presence of royalty. He and the King seemed to hit it off very well.

And then came my turn to be greeted as the last one in the line. With a feeling of nervous anticipation, I braced myself against being flustered or too subservient. The occasion did not call for either, however. There was nothing stiff or formal about it all, except perhaps to see the ladies-in-waiting and the club workers fixedly holding themselves in place.

The King shook hands with a firm, friendly grip which made one feel better. He asked what part of Canada I was from. Thinking back now, I must have felt somewhat free and easy, because when I replied that New Brunswick was my birthplace, His Majesty immediately recalled his tour through Canada in 1901 when he travelled as the Duke of York and had visited St. John. I said that as a small boy we had seen him there at the ceremonial when he presented medals to the South African war veterans. The story was continued by my saying that a policeman had pulled me back by the seat of the pants when my head protruded from the cross strands of a woven wire fence, from which I was daringly peering into the faces of those on the reviewing stand, a few feet away, where the King stood to take the salute as the troops marched past.

The story seemed to amuse the King who then asked from what part of France I had started on my leave. Almost at once he checked himself to say:

"I'm forgetting myself. You are not permitted to tell what part of the front you are on, are you?"

My reply to this was that our regiment was not very far from where he had had his accident the previous fall.

His Majesty remarked that the accident had been most unfortunate and painful for him.

Even at the time of this conversation, the King was still leaning for support on his walking stick and limped a little. (It will be recalled that the King's horse on the reviewing field near Bailleul had stepped into a hole, stumbled and threw its rider.)

The King said he supposed I was visiting relatives on my leave but, with my reply that I had no relatives in Britain, his expression was a trifle incredulous, and almost enough to say, "How strange, you do not look like a redskin!"

At that time in England it was a fact that a member of the Canadian forces who was Canadian-born was considered somewhat of an oddity—perhaps an aboriginal Indian. When we got good and wild sometimes, perhaps our conduct in whooping it did justify that belief.

His Majesty's next remark was that the ladies of the club would gladly arrange for Canadians on leave to be guests at some of the many country places where they would be made most welcome.

"My people," said he, "are anxious to show their gratitude towards those who have come so far to take their part in the war."

Some reply had to be made, so my clumsy thanks were blurted out by saying that my entire leave was being spent in London seeing the sights and the many things we had heard and read about, more or less on my own. With a noticeable twinkle in his eye, the King's reply to that one struck my then youthful ideas as real, human understanding:

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The equerry who had kept me company all through the proceedings informed His Majesty that we had been talking about Canada and he had heard my impressions of England which I was seeing for the first time.

It was a very warm parting handshake we received from both the King and his equerry, following which the Queen extended her hand in gracious greeting but just what she said at the time cannot be recalled now. My callow uncouthness must have been very noticeable, however.

Their Majesties then made their way towards the centre of the room to converse with the ladies who had been waiting through the informal ceremony.

There was a great to-do as the gathering broke up—finger-tipped handshaking and much curtsying. A well-beloved Monarch and his Queen had walked and talked in simple fashion with subjects of the realm and empire. It was an unforgettable privilege to have been there to witness it all.

—Norman E. Cook.

Mr. A. J. Hidson, Secretary.

Dear Sir: Mayor Parsons has asked me to express his sincere thanks to the Officers and Executive of the Forty-Ninth Battalion the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Association for their good wishes for his quick recovery.

Yours very truly,

Lillian Cook, Secretary.

Druggists Honor Men Of Two Wars

The Pharmaceutical Association of Alberta in a ceremony at the Medical Building, at the University last May, honoured druggists who served in the two Great Wars. Unveiling was performed by Hon. J. J. Bowlen, lieutenant-governor and the Rev. G. H. Villett, principal of Alberta College, pronounced the prayer of dedication.

Strafing Strachey

Clad in jungle-green battledress, John Strachey, 48-year-old British war minister, plunged into the murky depths of a Malayan jungle with a Gurkha patrol. He made history last June when he led a "V.I.P. Party" on the trek, as Britain's first war minister to go on an active patrol while in office.



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Enjoys Forty-Niner

W. Bowron, 1033—20 avenue East, Calgary, is in receipt of our magazine and always says how well he enjoys reading it. Quoting him, "I think your magazine is like the Forty-Niners, hard to keep out of circulation." Thanks Bowron for the appreciation.

Dawes Presents Awards

At a banquet of the Junior Calf Club members' rally at the Edmonton Exhibition last July Rotarian Leonard Dawes presented two \$100.00 scholarships to the boy and girl making highest marks in exams at the farm camp. Winners were Elfriede Hetman, 16, of Onoway and Lorne Underschultz, 18, of Fort Saskatchewan.

Fighting 10th Hold Reunion

Three hundred "old sweats" of the famous Fighting 10th Battalion honored fallen comrades at the annual reunion in Calgary on the anniversary of the battle of St. Julien. Together with their successors, the present Calgary Highlanders, they marched to Knox church, where annual service has been held for 30 years. At the city hall a wreath was laid on the 10th Battalion plaque by Mrs. R. L. Boyle, widow of the battalion's first commanding officer, who was killed at St. Julien Woods in 1915. Mrs. Boyle, the only woman attending the dinner,

has not missed a reunion for 30 years. The unit took part in more than 20 major engagements, suffering 2,825 killed out of a total number on strength of 5,390, all of whom did not serve in France. A total of 537 men were decorated.

How To Write Pacific Troops

(CP) Note to wives, girl friends, mothers, dads and assorted relatives: (Tax collectors and credit men barred, Editor) For Canadian troops at the Pacific, the address is "number; rank; name; unit; CAPO 5,000; c/o postmaster, Vancouver, B.C."

Named Scout Commissioner

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Canadians Win Foreign Decorations

Canadian soldiers won 1,626 decorations and awards from 12 foreign governments for gallantry, valor and aid during the Second Great War. Up to March 31, 1949 the Netherlands had bestowed 516 decorations and awards on Canadian army personnel, while Belgium followed with 397. Awards by other countries were: France, 362; the United States, 247; Czechoslovakia, 41; Greece, 23; Luxembourg, 19; China, 6; Poland, 6; Norway, 5; Denmark, 3 and Tunisia, 1.

El Alamein Commemorated

A ceremony honoring the men of the British 8th Army who fought and fell at El Alamein in 1942 was held on Oct. 25, 60 miles from Alexandria. Commemorating the eighth anniversary of the battle, a solitary bomber where once hundreds roared, will dip its wings in salute and scatter poppies over Alamein cemetery. At the same time there will be an open-air service attended by members of the British Legion and soldiers still stationed nearby.

Hero's Name Given Northern Point

A point of land on Great Slave Lake will bear the name of war hero C. S. May, formerly of Edmonton, it was learned last May. Mr. May was killed in action at the battle of Caen in 1944. Joining the army the day war was declared he later served as a bombardier, and was mentioned in despatches for holding back several German tanks with Bren gun fire, enabling ambulances to remove wounded from the area and helping front rank troops to retire. He was killed at Caen when his Bren gun carrier was blown up by a mine. Mrs. May's mother, Mrs. Eric Carlson, lives at 9917 103 Street.

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RONNIE ARTHURS

Ronnie Arthurs Retires

Retirement of R. C. Arthurs, deputy provincial secretary and a member of the provincial civil service for 32 years, was reached last October.

A native of Bath, Somerset, Eng., Mr. Arthurs served in the Devonshire Regiment, Imperial Army for 11 years, having enlisted at 17 years.

He came to Canada in 1914. Following the outbreak of the First Great War, he enlisted in the 49th. Serving throughout the war he was discharged with the rank of major. He was awarded the Military Cross for his good work in scotching the May raid when our boys wiped out the attackers and captured a German lieutenant.

On March 10, 1919, he entered the audit branch of the civil service. He was in charge of auditing for the area south of Edmonton with H.Q. at Calgary for 10 years. In 1932, he was appointed auditor for the Fuel Oil Tax Act. Two years later he returned to Edmonton. On August 1, 1946, he was appointed to the position he held until his retirement.

In the Second Great War, Ronnie raised and commanded the Veterans Volunteer Reserve. The force was formed on Jan. 19, 1940, and remained in operation until March 31, 1945. It had a total of 200 units in Alberta. For these services he was awarded the M.B.E.

Mr. Arthur's wife died in 1930. His son Lieut. Ronald Arthurs was killed while on active service with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in Italy.

M. Pierce, International Hotel, 96 street, Edmonton, is living in the dream home of many a worthy trooper. We wonder if he is on the courtesy list for refreshments. However, he is pleased to get the 49er and sent along his dues to keep up the good work.

Peace River Meeting

Tommy Robb during a business tour in the North country down from Edmonton met Reg Gale of Edmonton whose brother is one of the 49th who settled in the Old Country after the War I doings. Reg's brother lives at 22 Farm Road, Hove, Sussex.



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